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(54) **SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR A  
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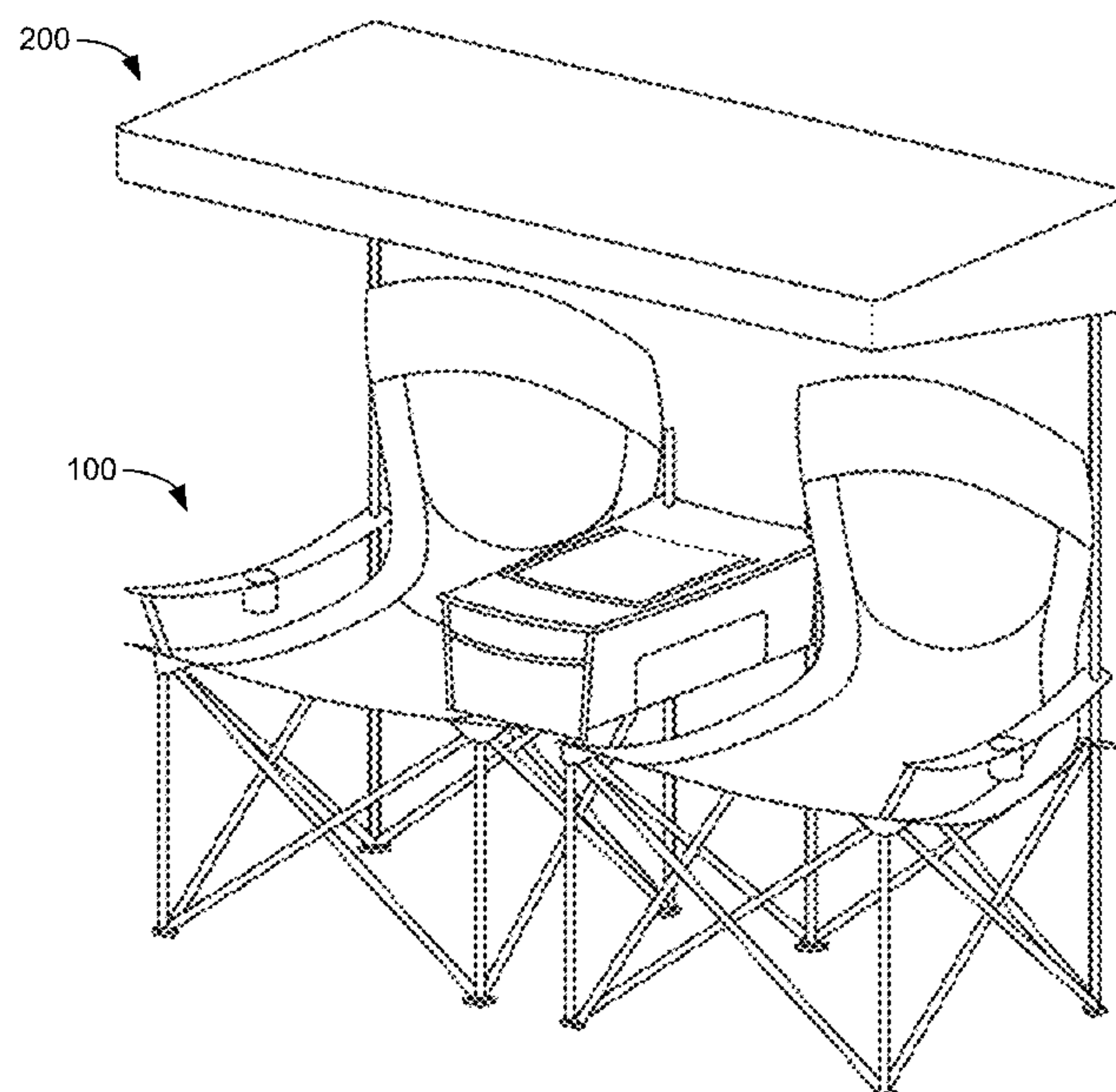
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**ABSTRACT**

The disclosed technology can include a dual chair folding  
system having rigid support poles joined by pins to form a  
collapsible chair support frame. Fabric sections can be  
affixed to the collapsible chair support frame to form a  
plurality of chairs. The dual chair folding system can also  
include vertical support poles and sunshade support poles  
that can be joined by pins to form a collapsible sunshade  
support frame. A continuous fabric section can be affixed to  
the collapsible sunshade support frame to form a sunshade  
positioned above the collapsible chair support frame.  
Attachment brackets can be attached to the collapsible chair  
support frame to receive the sunshade support frame such  
that the collapsible sunshade support frame can be remove-  
ably attached to the collapsible chair support frame. Fur-  
thermore, adjustable brackets affixed to the vertical support  
poles and the sunshade support poles can adjust the sun-  
shade between a plurality of angles.

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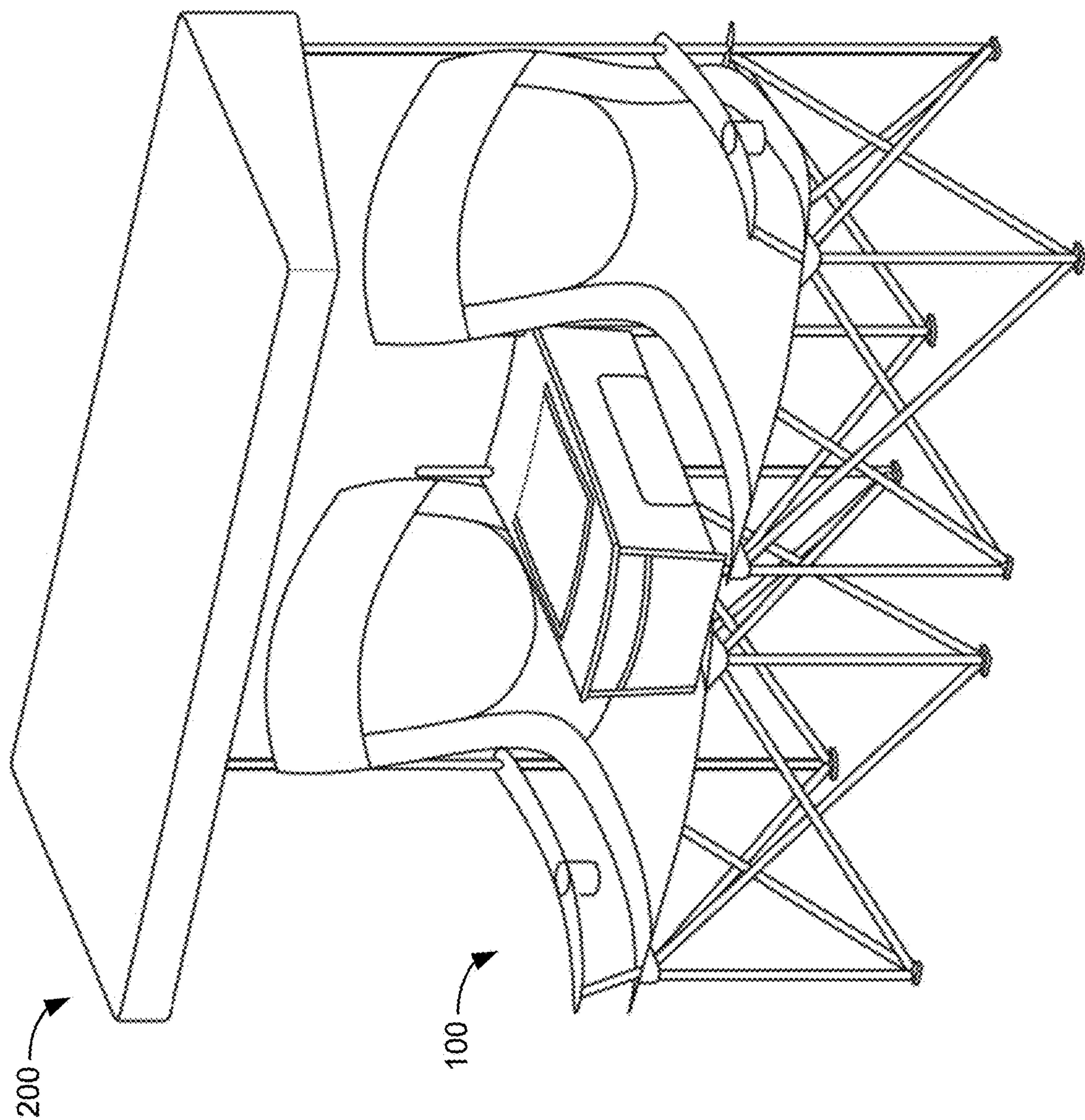


FIG. 1



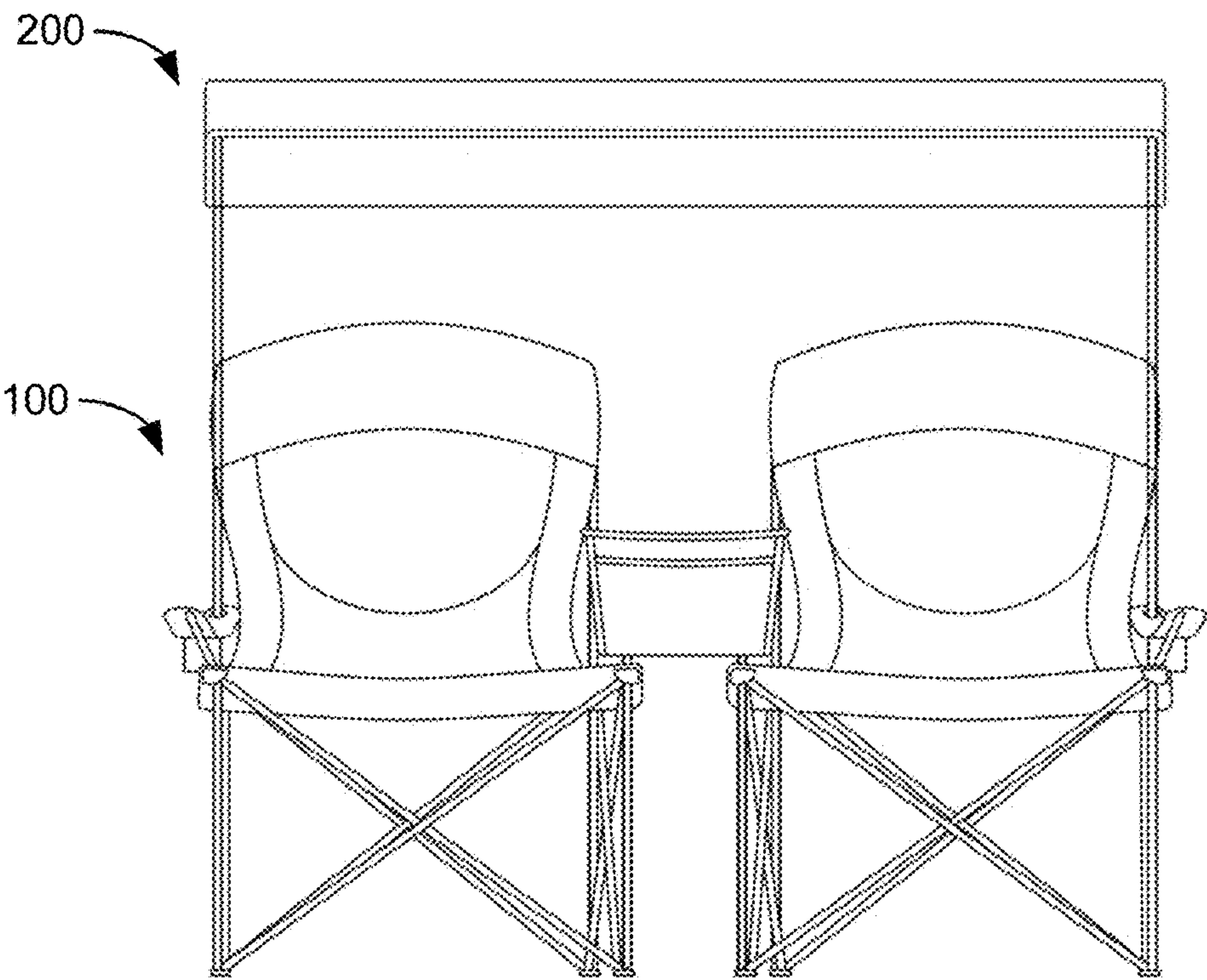


FIG. 2A

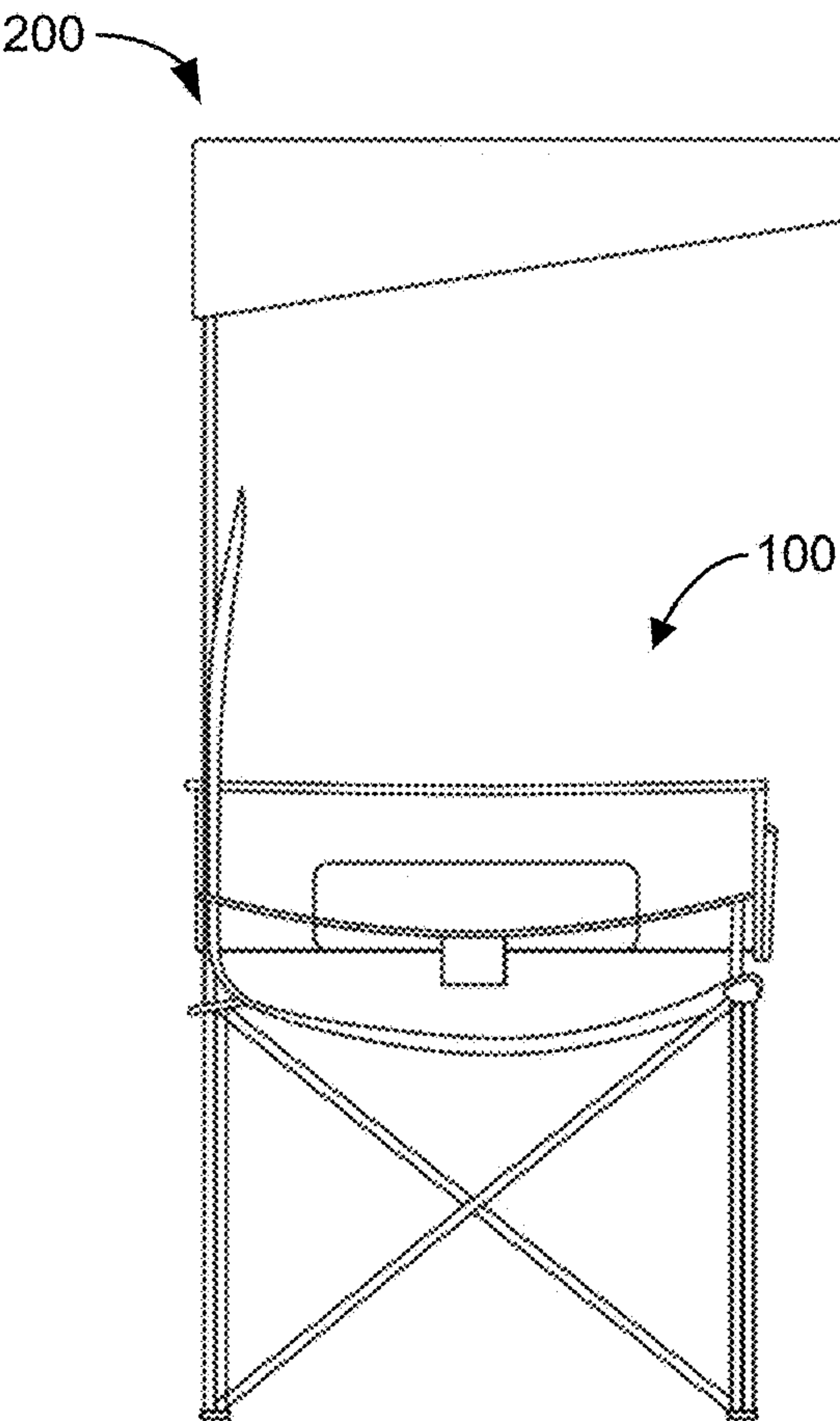


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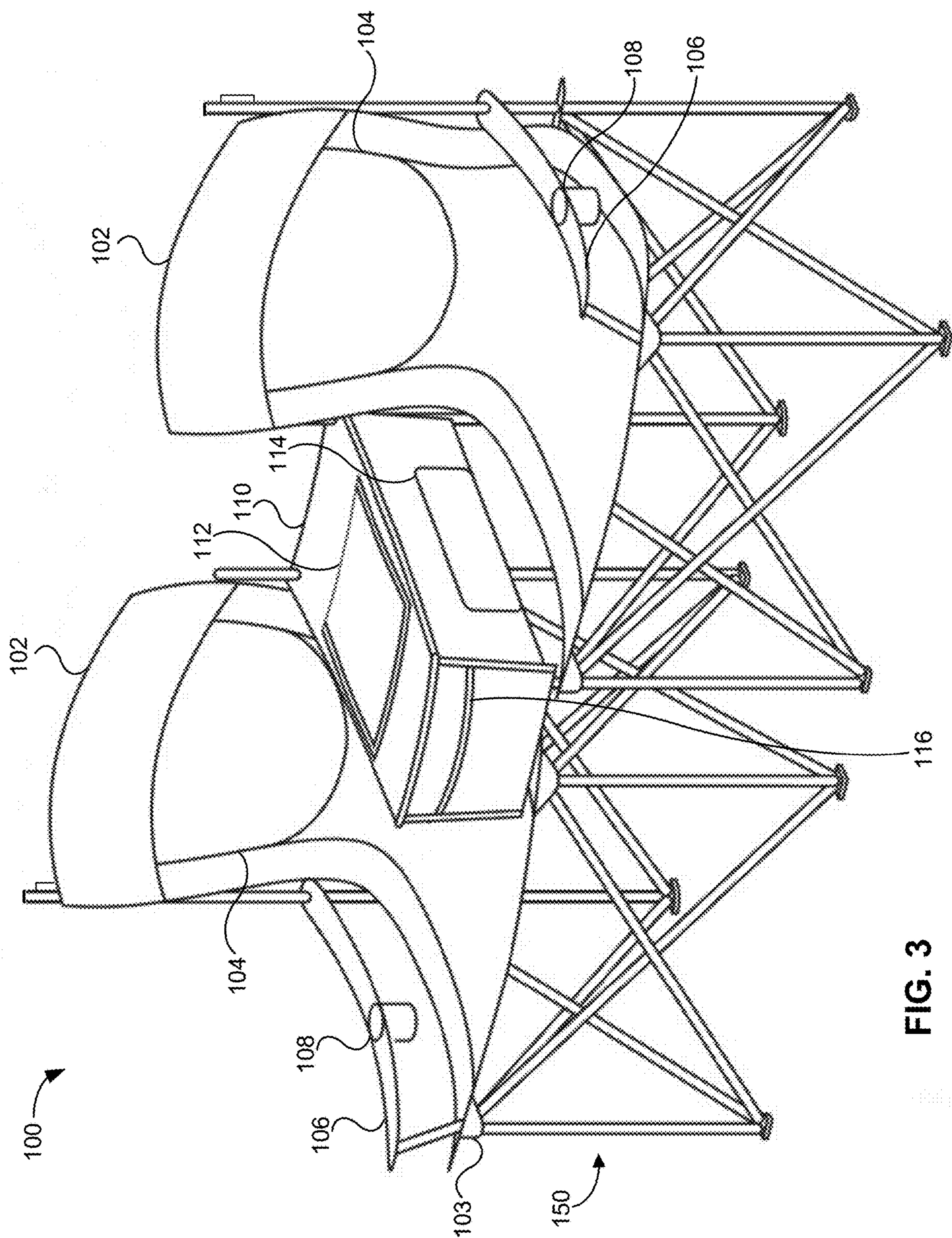


FIG. 3



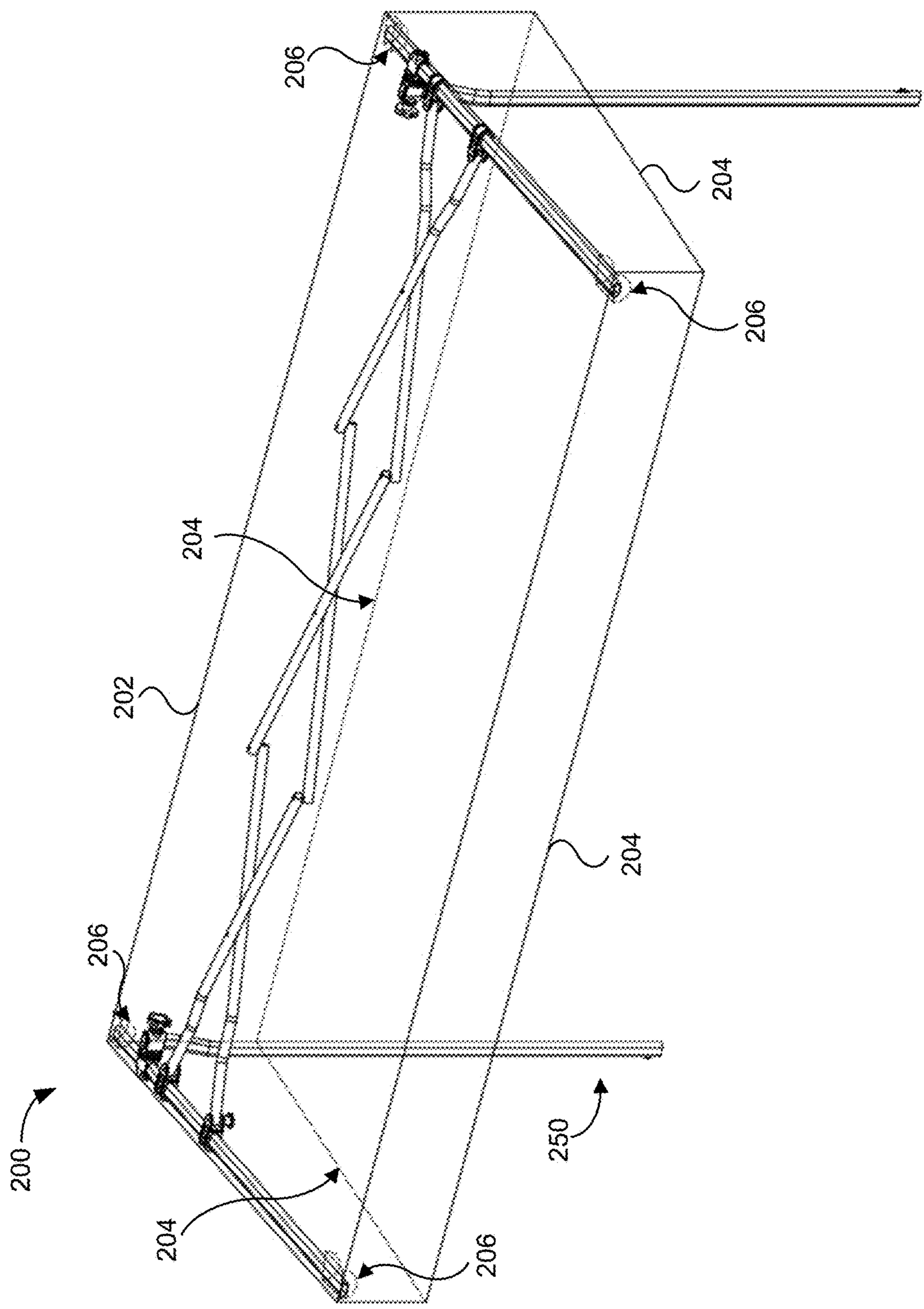


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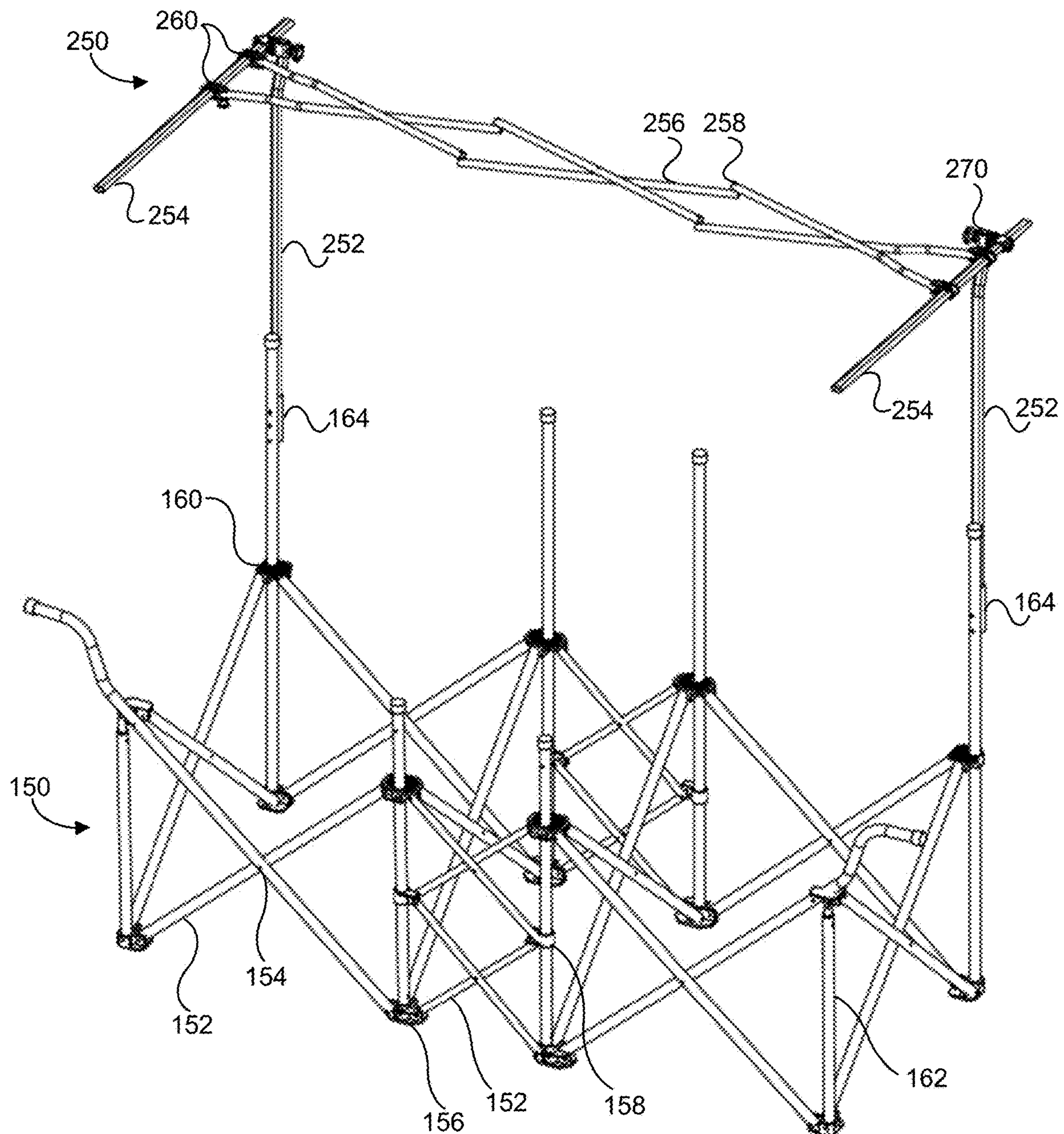


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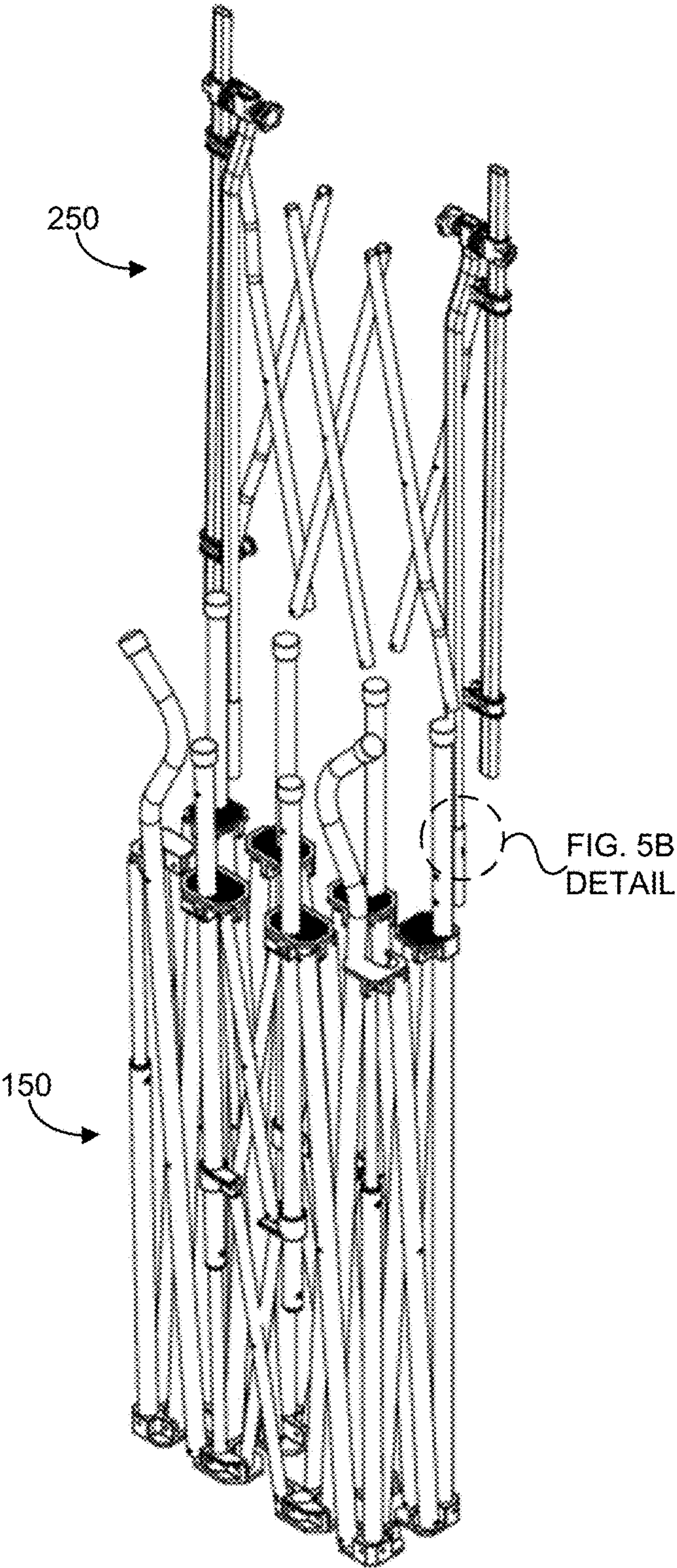


FIG. 6A

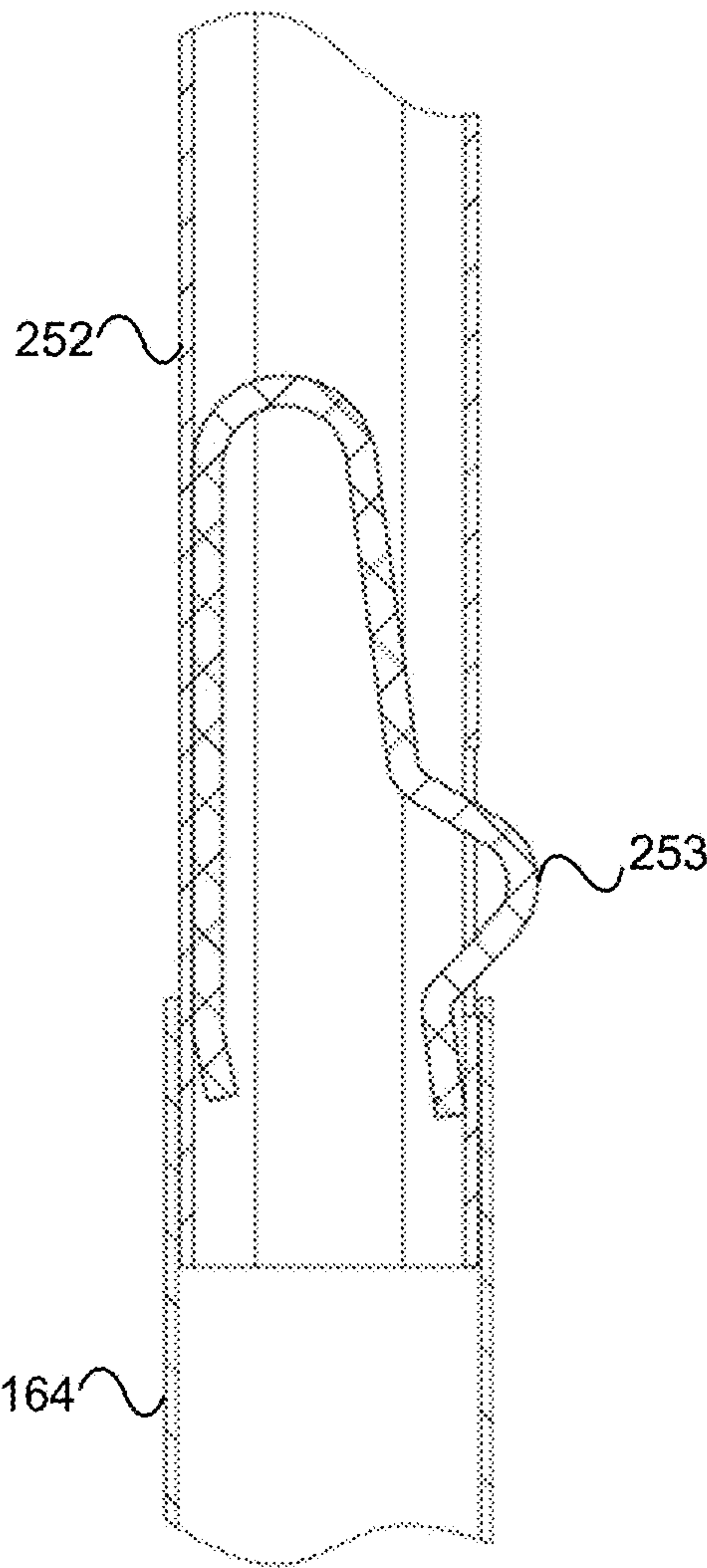


FIG. 6B



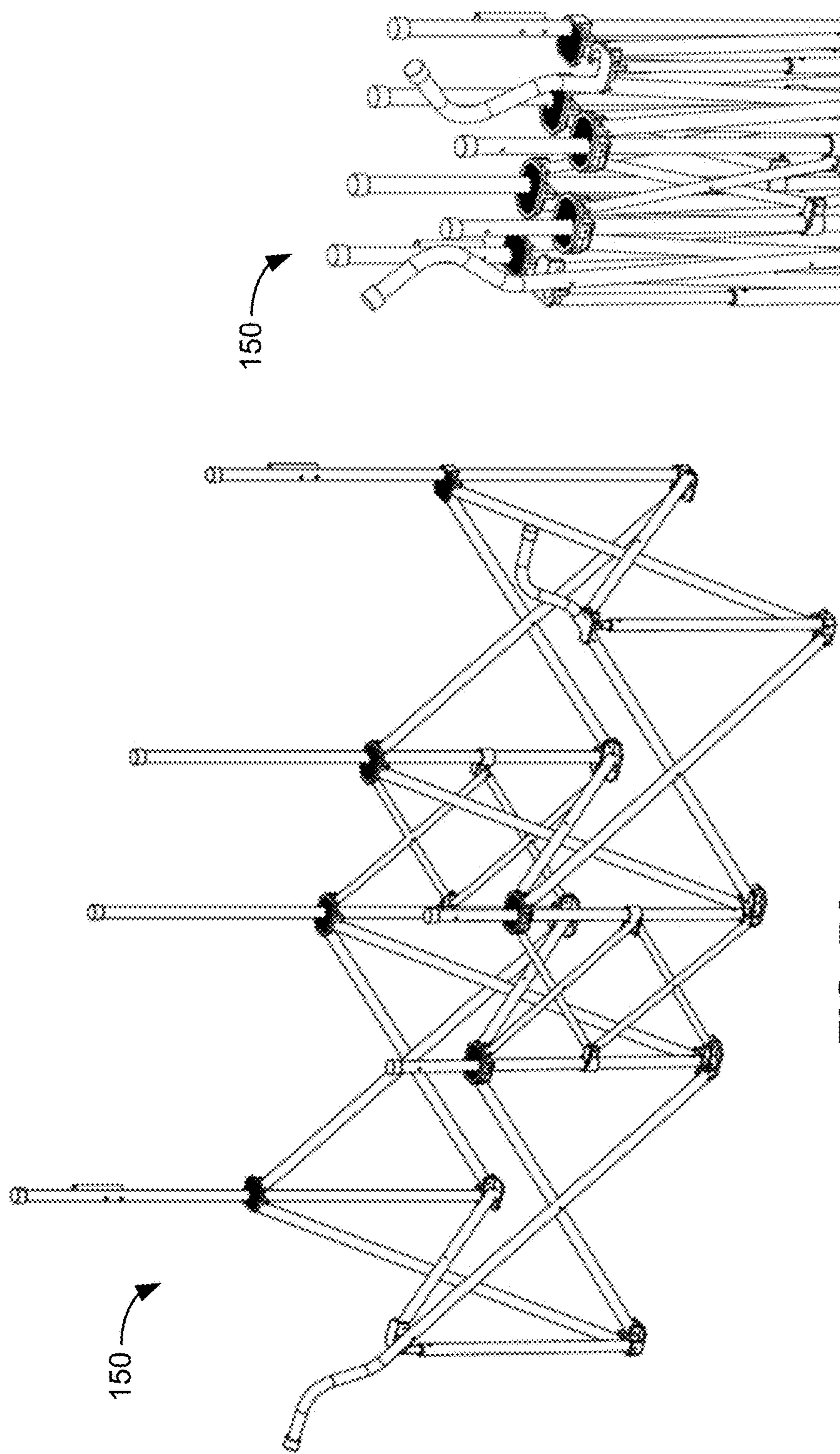


FIG. 7A

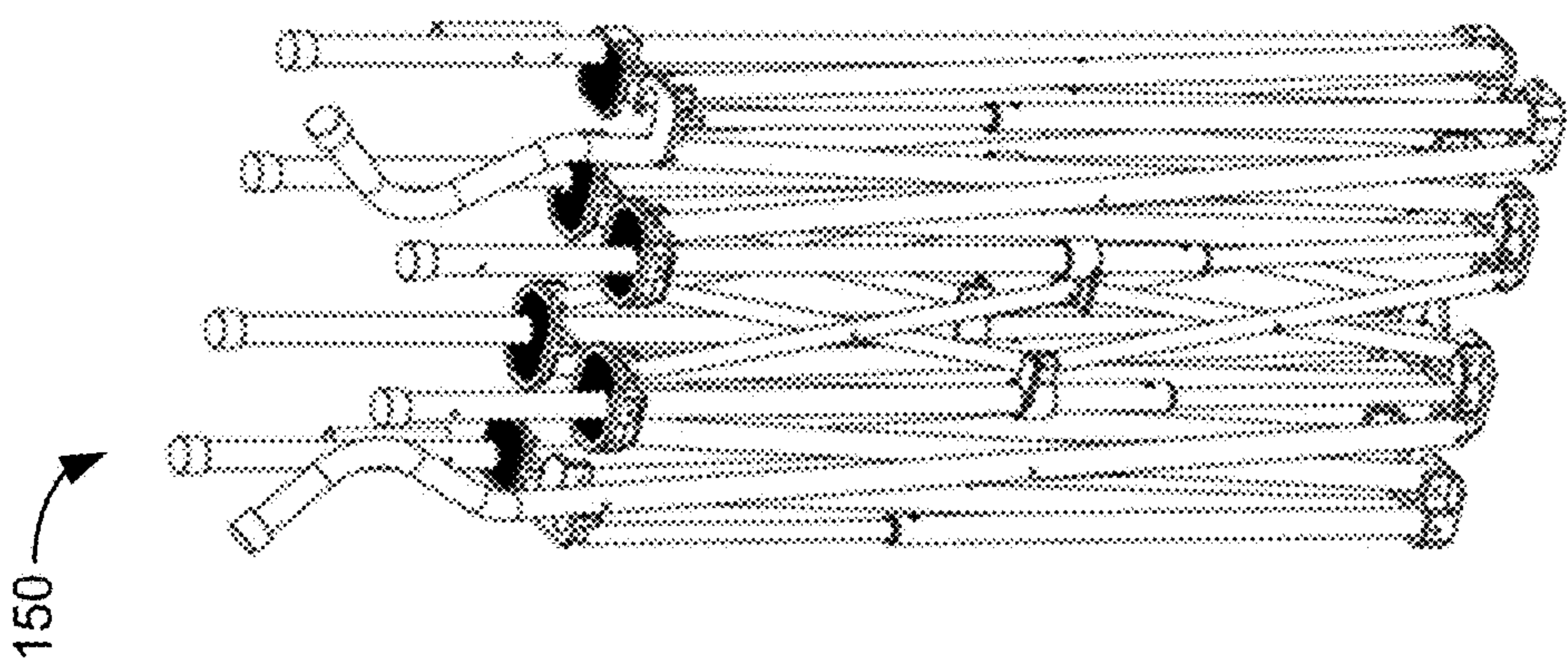


FIG. 7B

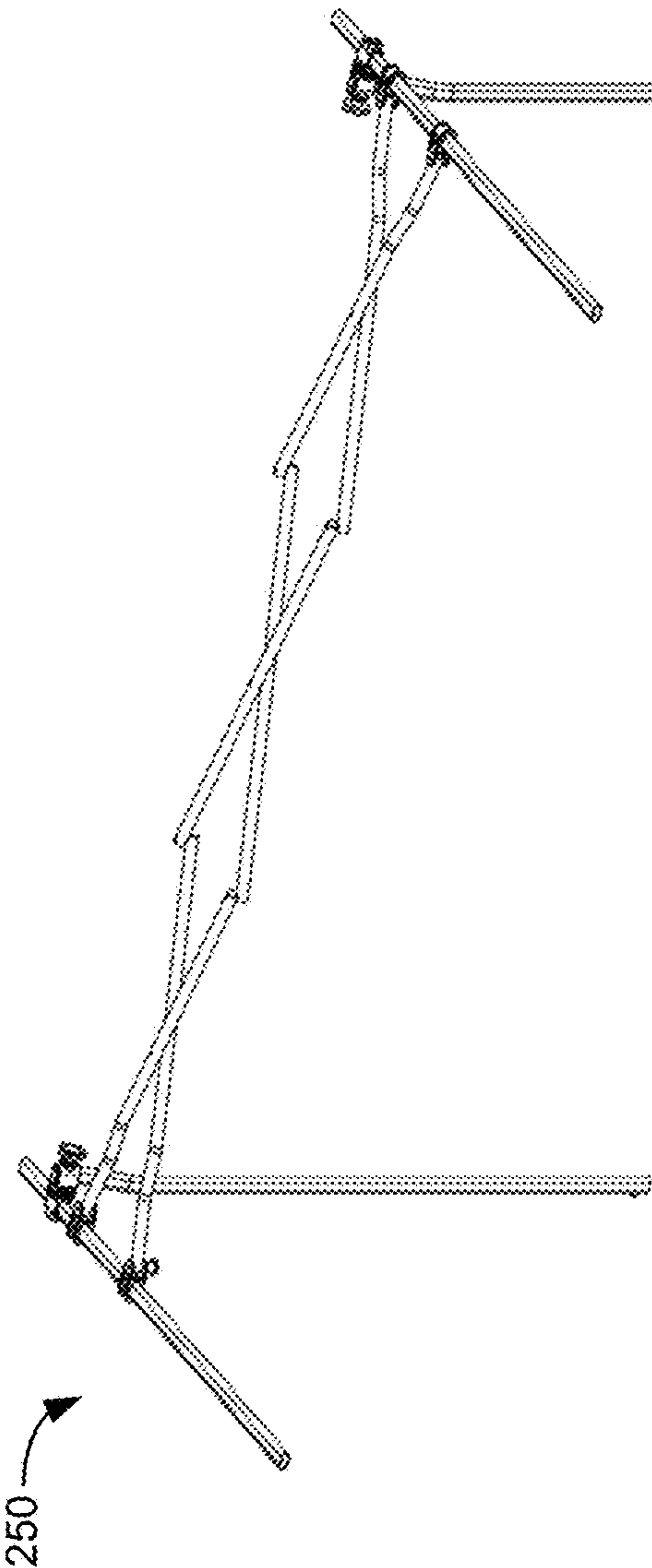


FIG. 8A

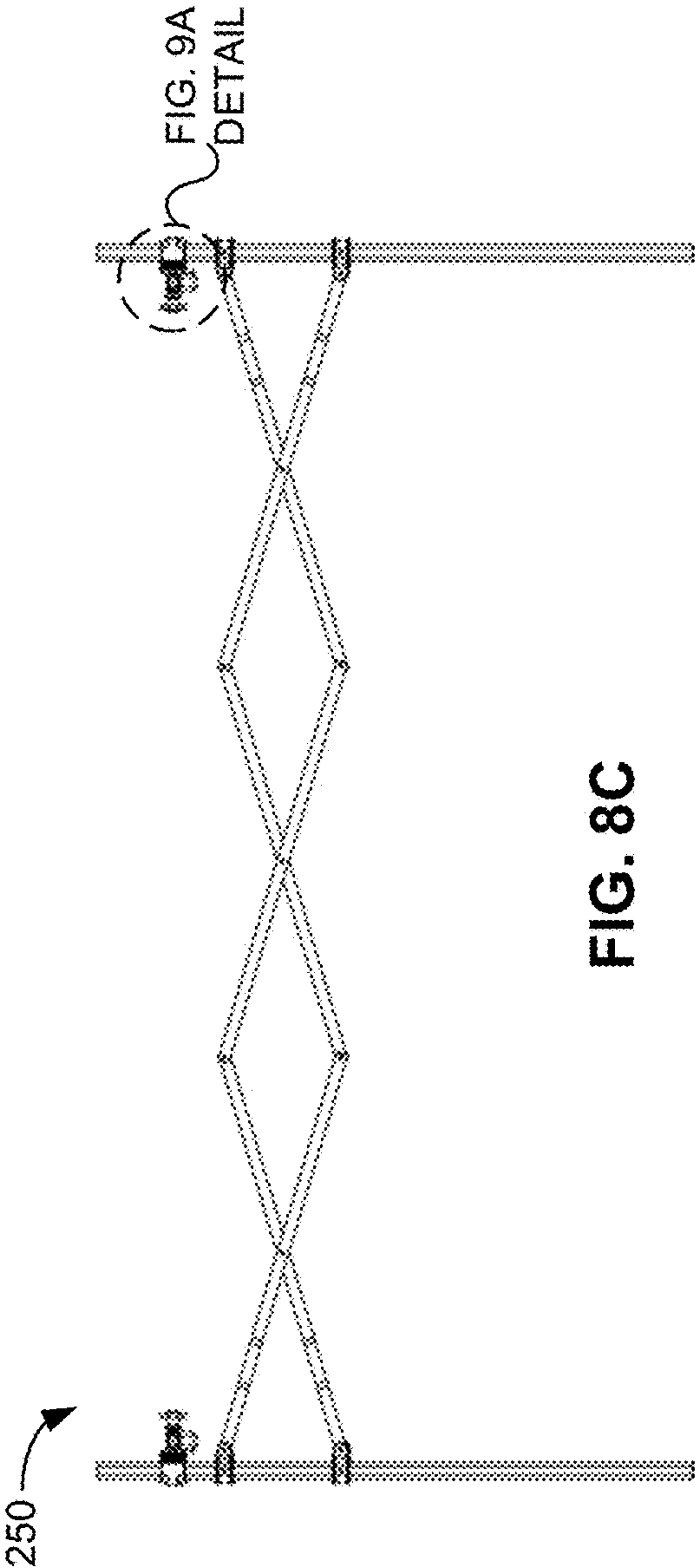


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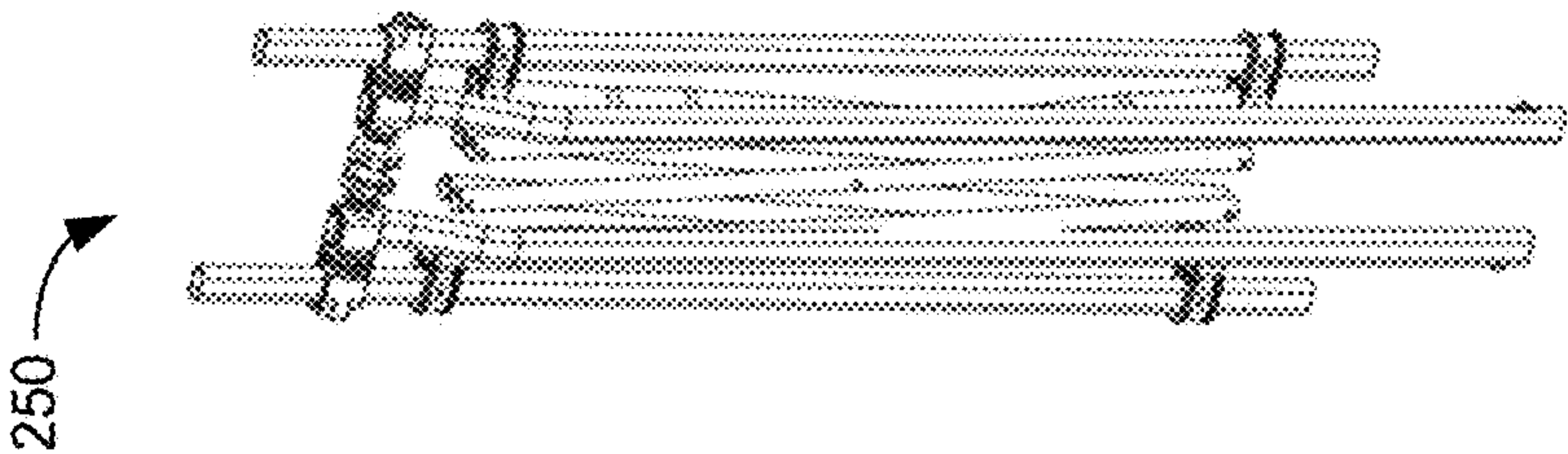
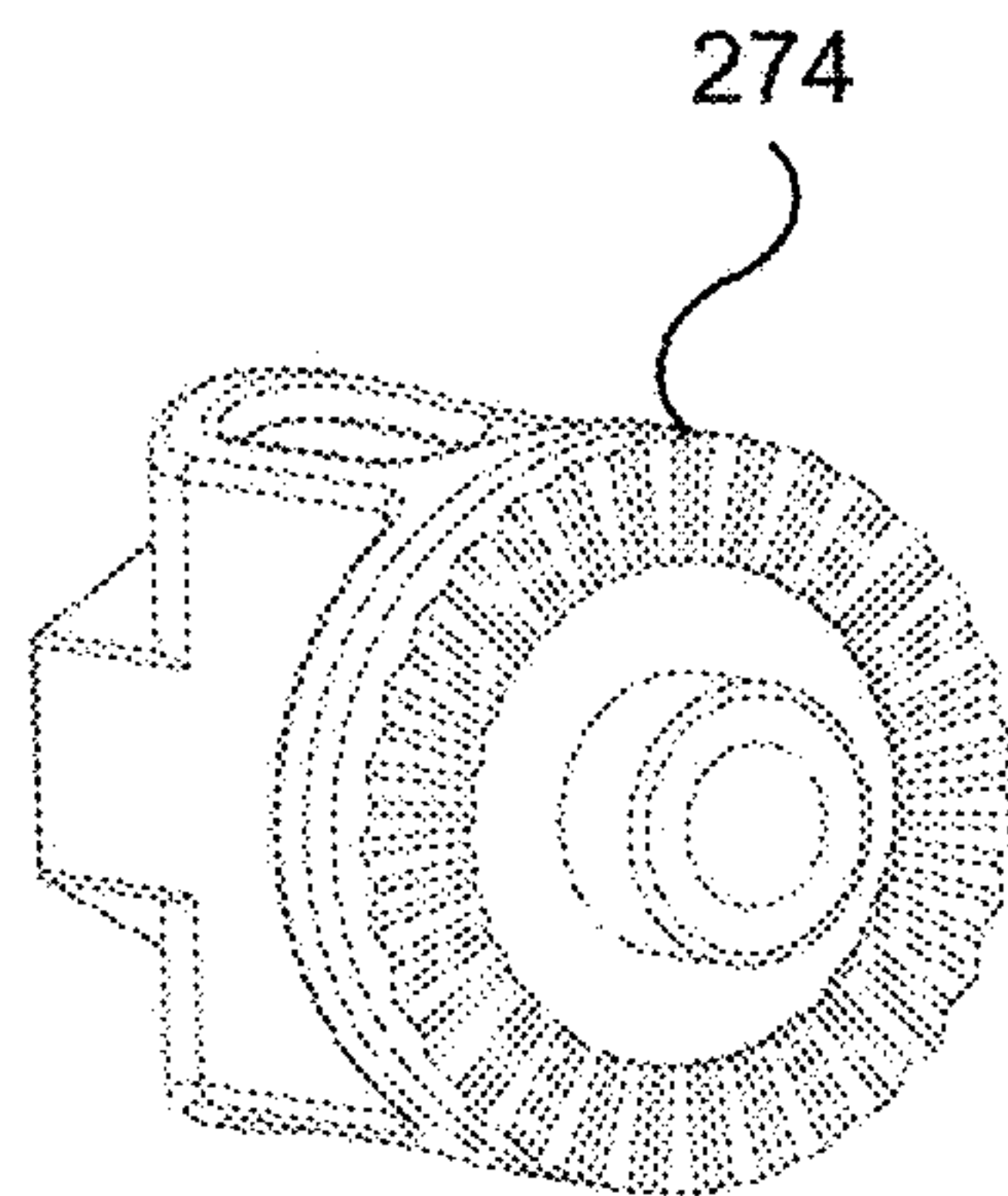
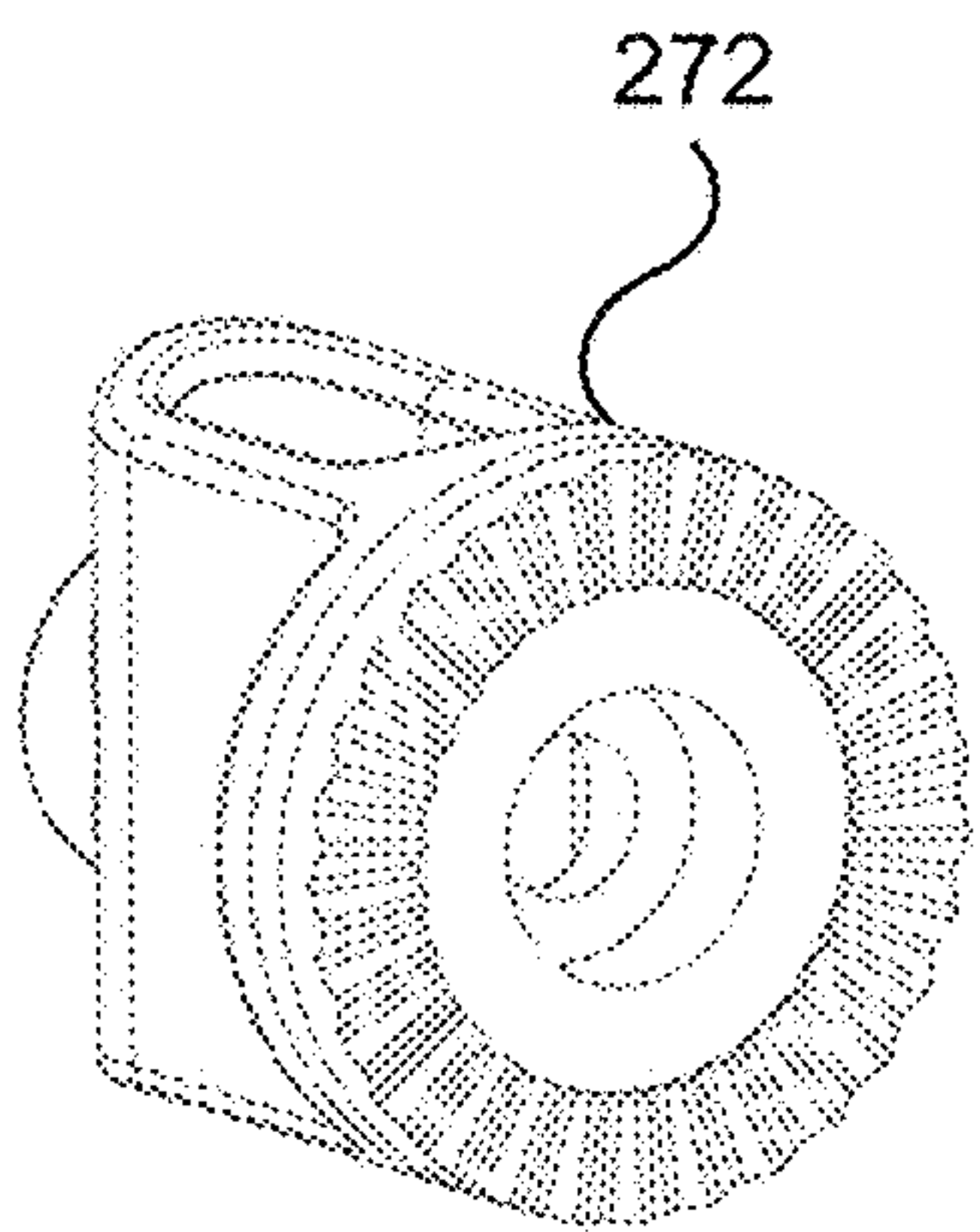
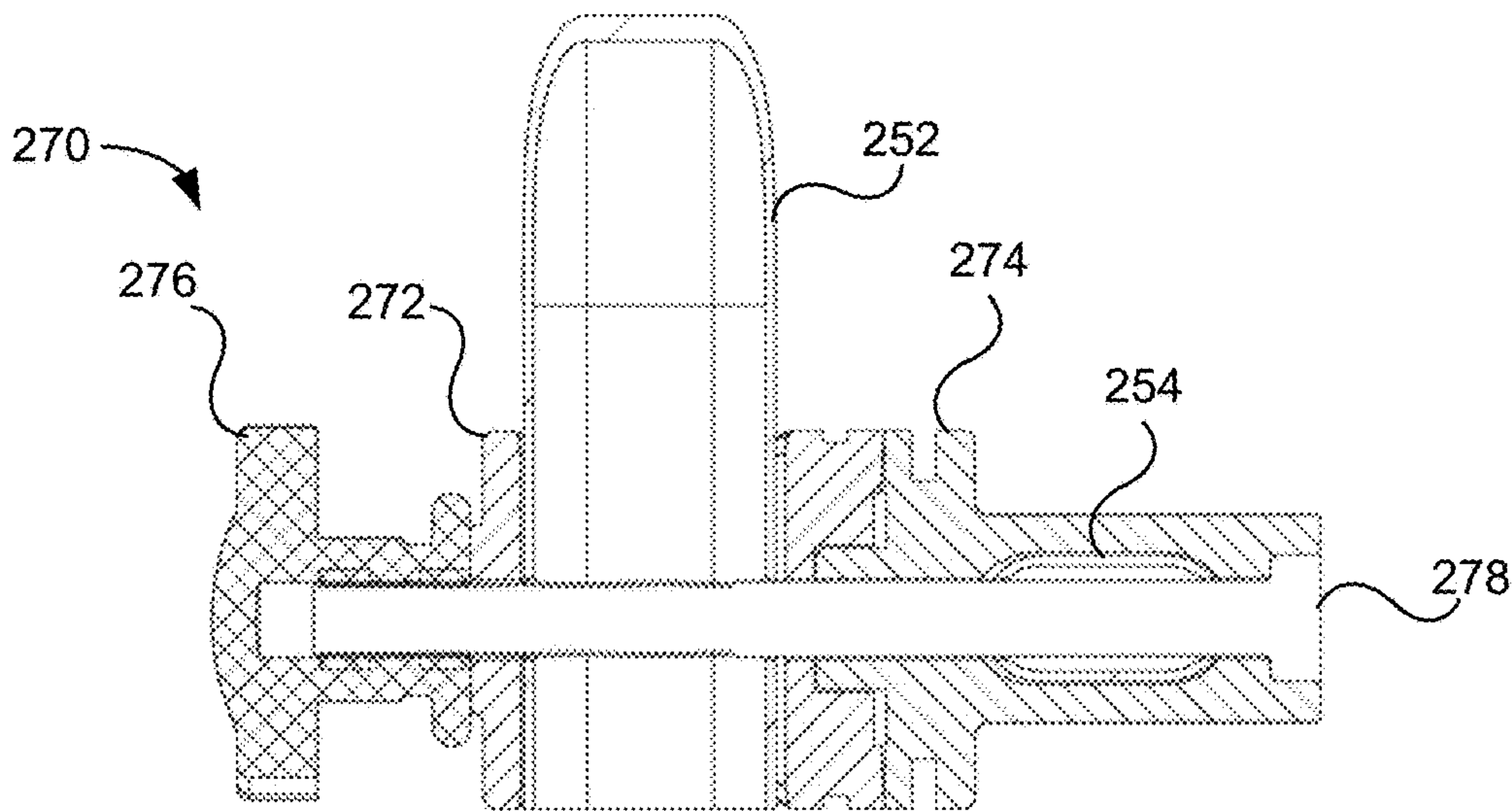
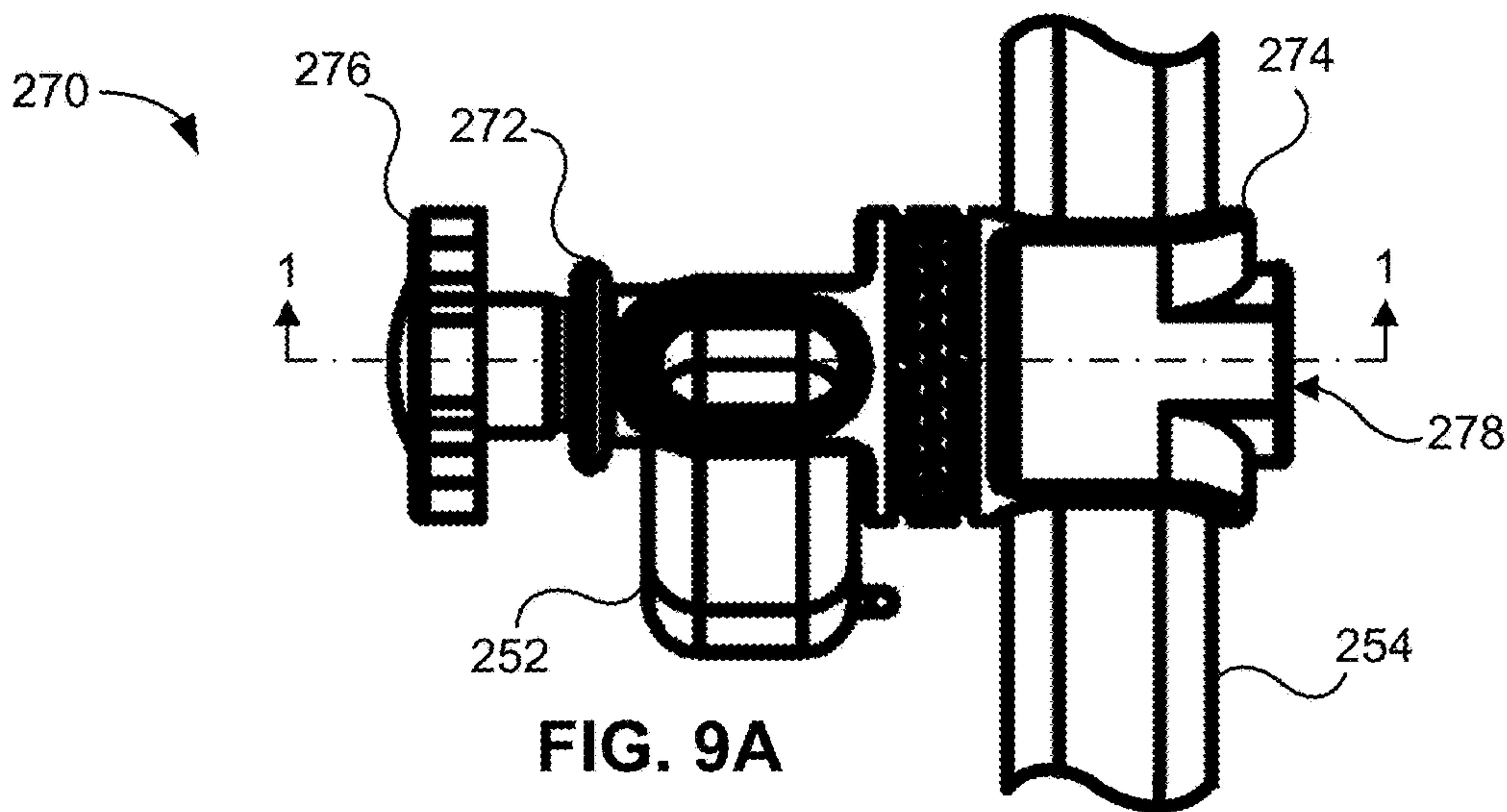
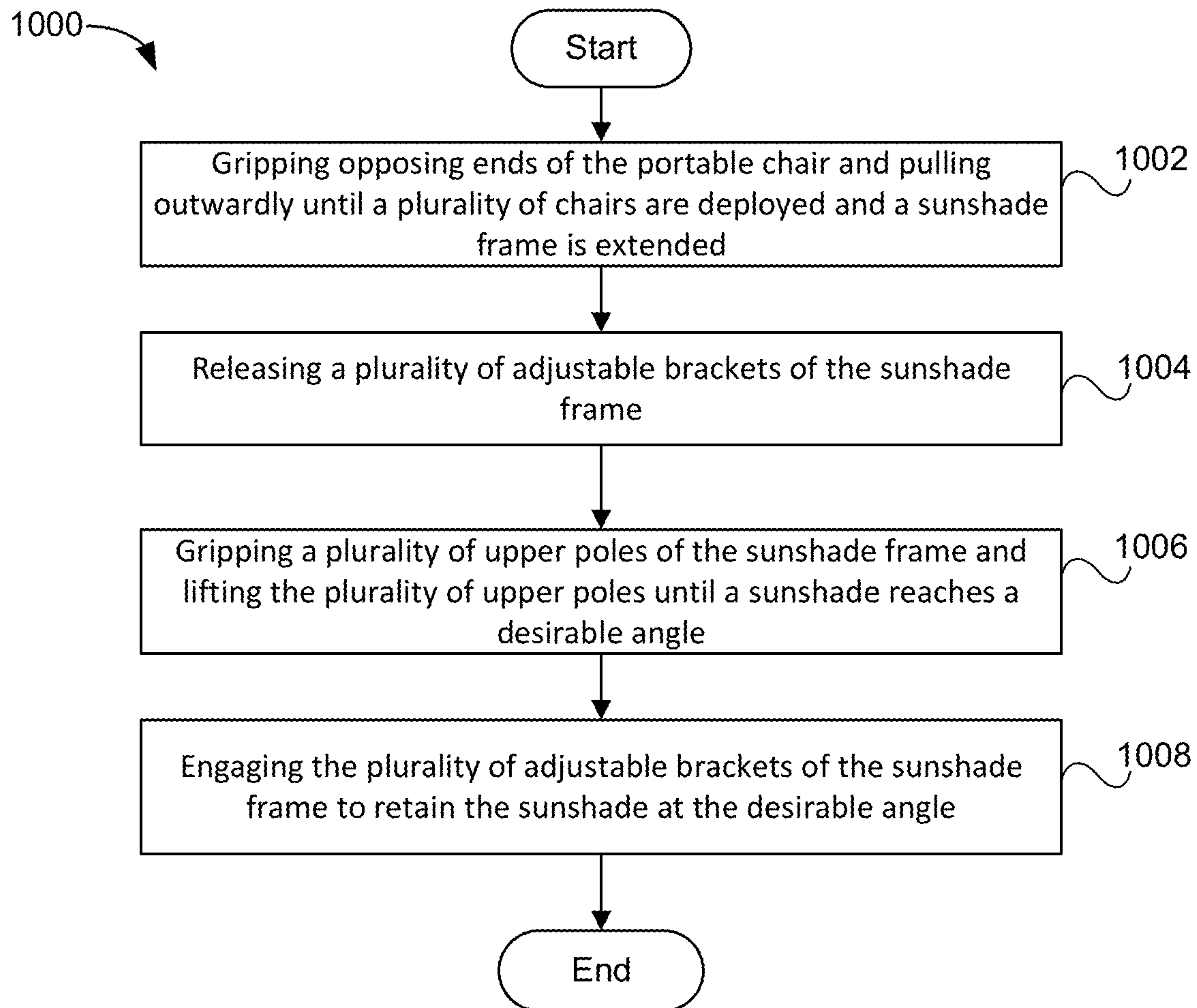


FIG. 8B





**FIG. 10**



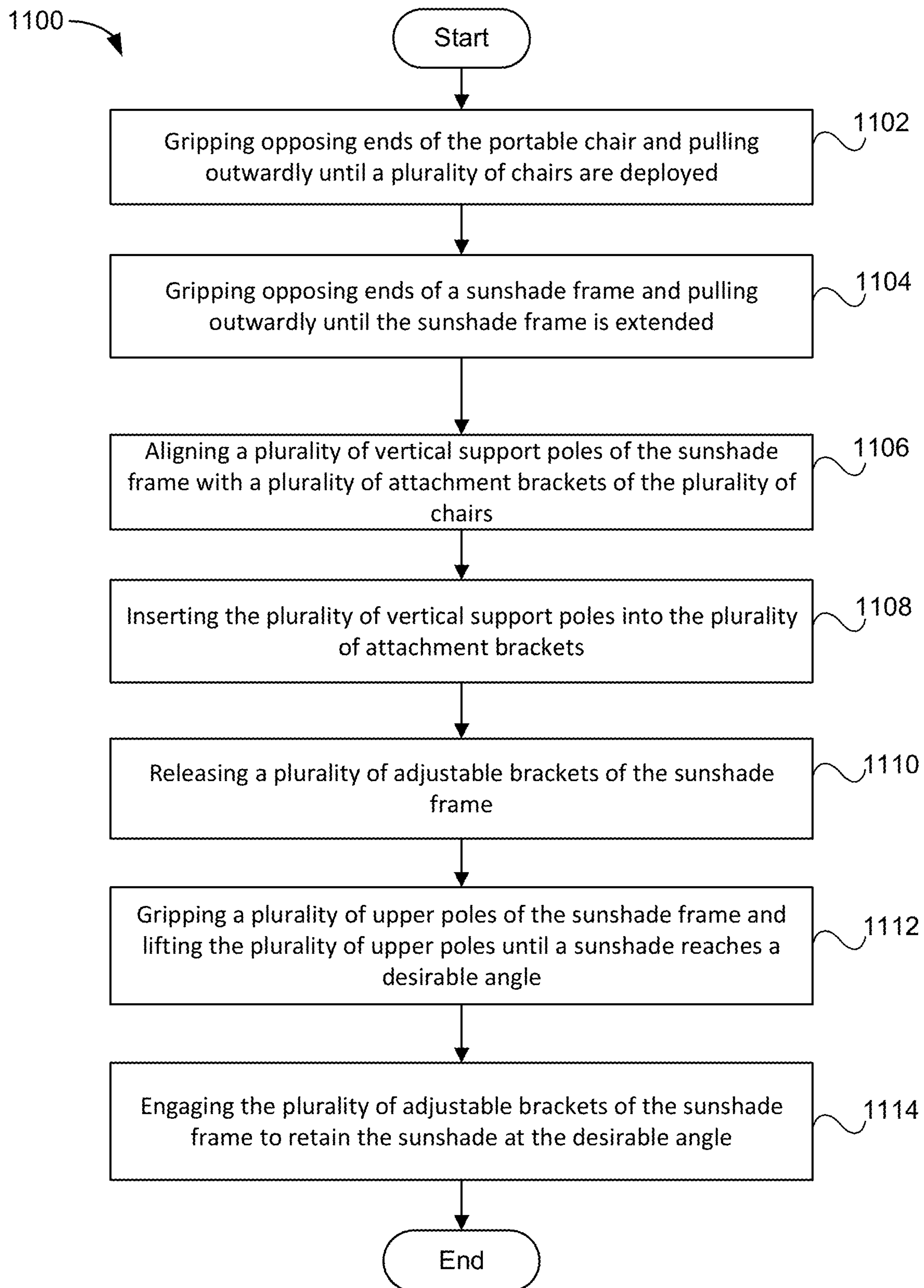
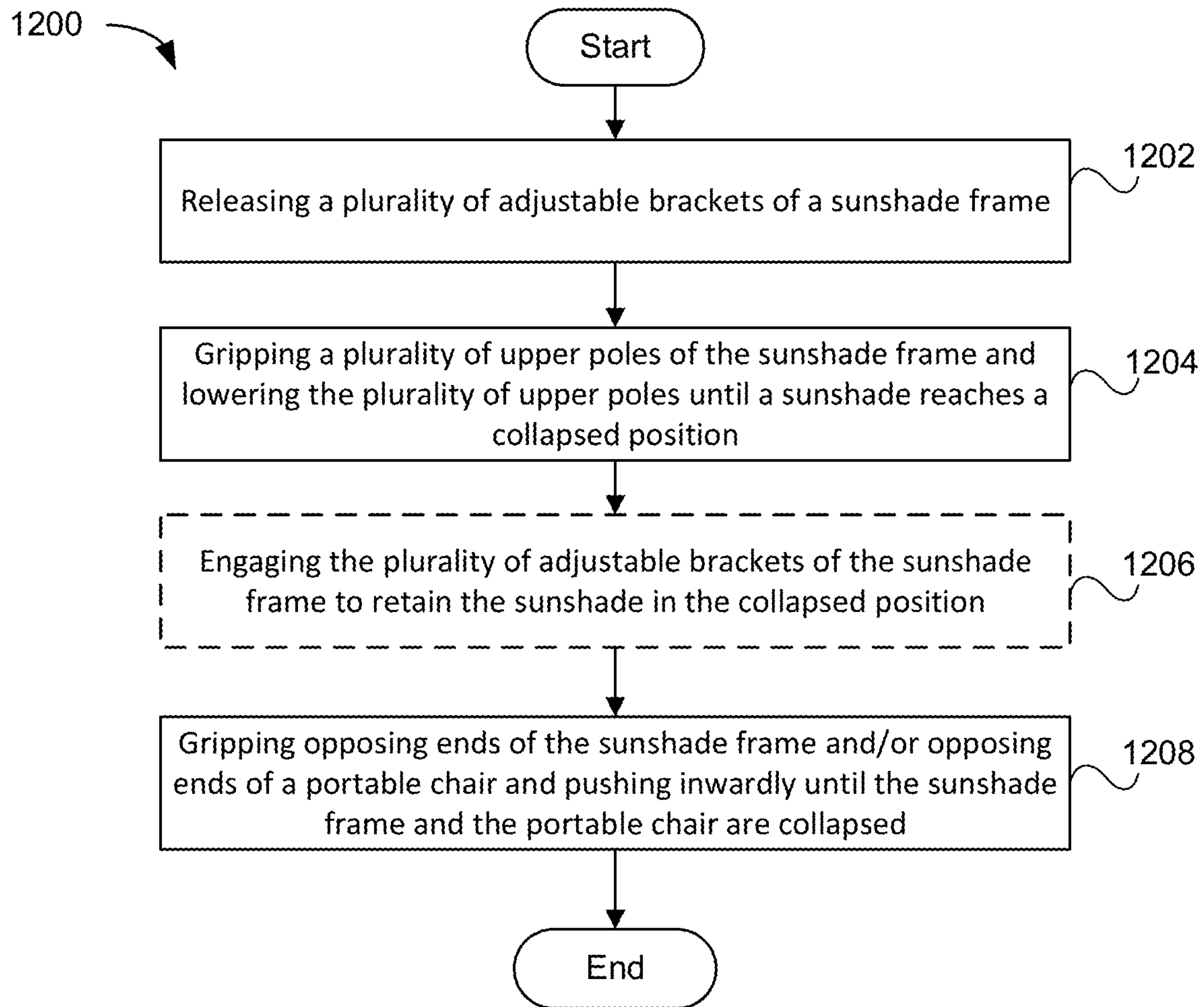
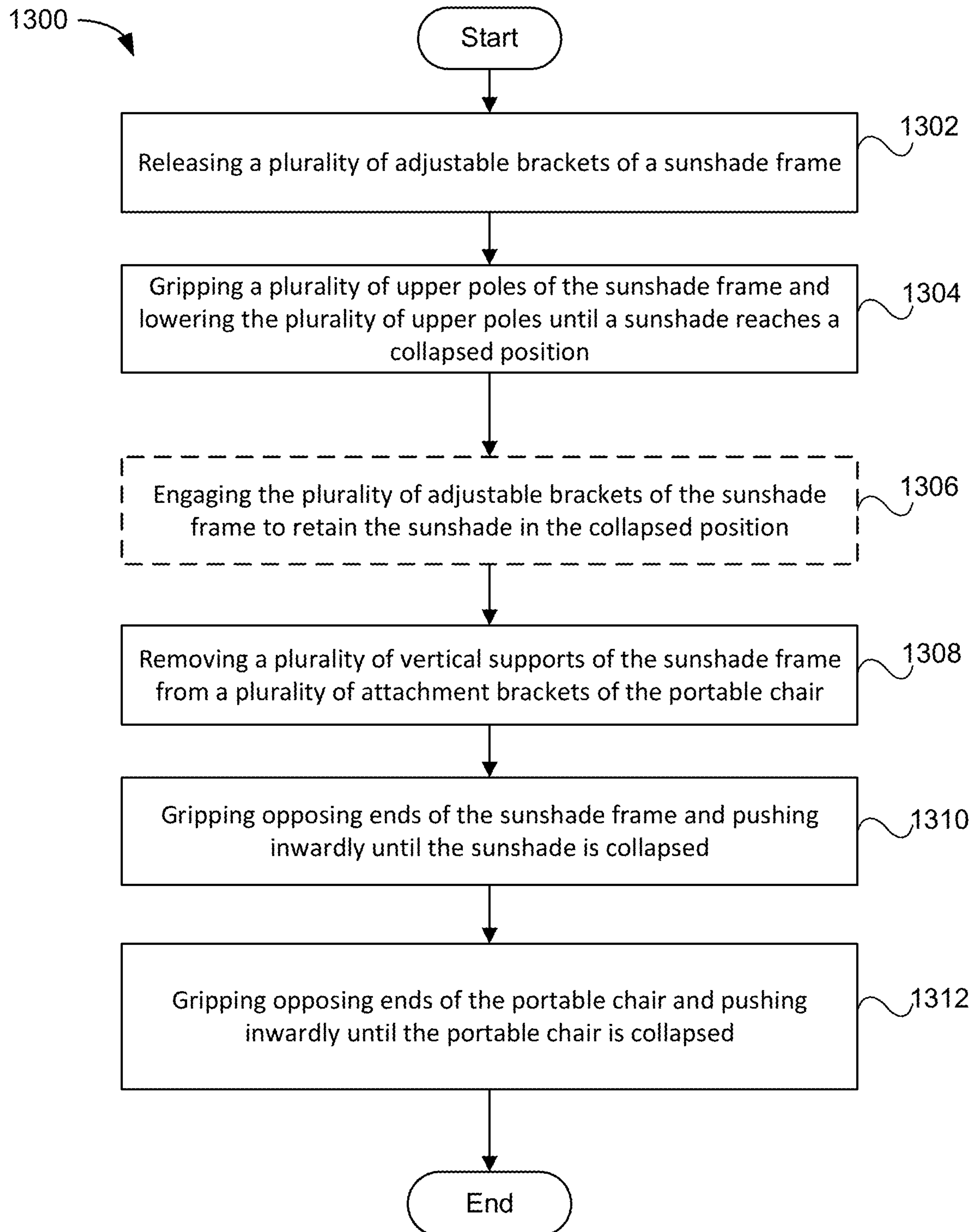


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**FIG. 12**



**FIG. 13**

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**SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR A  
PORTABLE CHAIR WITH SUNSHADE**

## CLAIM OF PRIORITY

This application is a continuation-in-part, and claims benefit under 35 USC § 120, of U.S. Non-provisional Design patent application Ser. No. 29/713,823 filed 19 Nov. 2019 which is fully incorporated herein by reference.

## FIELD

Examples of the present disclosure relate to portable chairs that can be folded for transportation and storage and, more particularly, portable chairs having a sunshade.

## BACKGROUND

Portable chairs are commonly used to create a comfortable seating arrangement without needing to transport cumbersome furniture. Portable chairs, typically consisting of lightweight poles and a metal or fabric seat, can be folded or otherwise collapsed to conveniently move the portable chair from one location to another. For example, many individuals use portable chairs outdoors during activities such as camping, attending sporting events, fishing, going to the beach, attending large outdoor gatherings, or other activities where sitting is desirable but chairs or other furniture are not normally present.

Because portable chairs are often used outdoors, many users find themselves exposed to the sun's harmful rays while using the portable chair in locations where shade is unavailable (e.g., while at a sporting event or at the beach). One solution to this problem is to use a portable umbrella to provide shade by placing the umbrella near the portable chair. However, using a portable umbrella can be undesirable because it requires the user to transport additional items to the seating location and the umbrella is often unable to provide enough shade to adequately block the sun's harmful rays. Furthermore, the portable chairs are often used in locations where placing an umbrella near the portable chair may not be feasible (e.g., when using the chair on pavement where the umbrella cannot be inserted into the ground).

Many users of portable chairs also transport food items in containers, such as coolers, so that they can enjoy food or drink while using the portable chair. The user generally places the cooler near the portable chair so that the food is within a convenient reaching location. Placing the cooler near the portable chair, however, can create a dangerous tripping hazard or cause the user to tip the portable chair over while reaching for a food item or drink in the cooler.

What is needed, therefore, is a portable chair that can provide protection from the sun's harmful rays while also storing food or drinks in a convenient and safe location. The solution of this disclosure resolves these and other problems in the art.

## SUMMARY

Accordingly, the inventors of this disclosure have recognized that there is a need for the following solution.

In some examples, a dual folding chair system can include a first plurality of rigid support poles joined by pins to form a collapsible chair support frame. The dual folding chair system can include a plurality of fabric sections affixed to, and suspended by, the collapsible chair support frame to

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form a plurality of chairs. Each chair of the plurality of chairs can be configured to support a user when in a deployed state.

The dual chair folding chair system can further include a second plurality of rigid support poles joined by pins to form a collapsible sunshade support frame. The second plurality of rigid support poles can include a plurality of vertical support poles and a plurality of sunshade support poles. A continuous fabric section can be affixed to, and supported by, the collapsible sunshade support frame to form a substantially planar and substantially rectangular sunshade positioned above the collapsible chair support frame when in a deployed state. A plurality of attachment brackets can be attached to the collapsible chair support frame and configured to receive the plurality of vertical support poles of the collapsible sunshade support frame such that the collapsible sunshade support frame can be removeably attached to the collapsible chair support frame. Furthermore, a plurality of adjustable brackets can be affixed to the plurality of vertical support poles and the plurality of sunshade support poles.

The plurality of adjustable brackets can be configured to adjust the sunshade between a plurality of angles such that the plurality of sunshade support poles can be rotated substantially 90 and/or 180 degrees in relation to the plurality of vertical support poles between a deployed state and a collapsed state. Each of the plurality of adjustable brackets can include an adjustable angle bracket with a plurality of holes configured to receive a locking pin. Alternatively, or in addition, each of the plurality of adjustable brackets can include an adjustable angle bracket with a plurality of holes configured to receive a spring-loaded releasable push button. Further still, each of the plurality of adjustable brackets can include bracket connections having raised edges that can be configured to align with raised edges of a corresponding bracket connection to prevent the sunshade support poles from moving in relation to the vertical support poles. The bracket connections, when the raised edges of each bracket connection are aligned with the raised edges of the corresponding bracket connection, can be secured in place with a threaded connection. Alternatively, the bracket connections, when the raised edges of each bracket connection are aligned with the raised edges of the corresponding bracket connection, can be secured in place with a spring-loaded tension knob.

The collapsible sunshade support frame can be collapsed with the collapsible chair support frame while attached to the collapsible chair support frame. Similarly, the collapsible sunshade support frame can be deployed with the collapsible chair support frame while attached to the collapsible chair support frame.

The plurality of chairs can include a breathable mesh material configured to facilitate heat dissipation. Furthermore, the plurality of fabric sections can include a reinforcing fabric proximate the collapsible chair support frame to provide support to the plurality of fabric sections.

The dual folding chair system can include a compartment configured to hold objects when in a deployed state. The compartment can be a cooler configured to provide thermal insulation to an object stored within the compartment and include a top opening for a user to access the object within the cooler. The top opening can include a zipper, a hook and loop fastener, and/or a magnetic fastener. The compartment can include a pocket affixed to an outer surface of the cooler to hold an object.

In another example of the disclosed technology, a method of erecting a chair can include gripping opposing ends of the portable chair and pulling outwardly until a plurality of



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chairs are deployed. The method can further include gripping opposing ends of a sunshade frame and pulling outwardly until the sunshade frame is extended, aligning a plurality of vertical support poles of the sunshade frame with a plurality of attachment brackets of the plurality of chairs, and inserting the plurality of vertical support poles into the plurality of attachment brackets. The method can also include releasing a plurality of adjustable brackets of the sunshade frame, gripping a plurality of upper poles of the sunshade frame and lifting the plurality of upper poles until a sunshade reaches a desirable angle, and engaging the plurality of adjustable brackets of the sunshade frame to retain the sunshade at the desirable angle. Releasing a plurality of adjustable brackets of the sunshade frame can include loosening a plurality of twistable locks while engaging the plurality of adjustable brackets of the sunshade frame can include tightening the plurality of twistable locks. Alternatively, releasing a plurality of adjustable brackets of the sunshade frame can include removing a plurality of lock pins from the plurality of adjustable brackets while engaging the plurality of adjustable brackets of the sunshade frame can include inserting the plurality of lock pins into the plurality of adjustable brackets. As yet another example, releasing a plurality of adjustable brackets of the sunshade frame can include depressing a plurality of spring-loaded buttons of the plurality of adjustable brackets while engaging the plurality of adjustable brackets of the sunshade frame can include releasing the plurality of spring-loaded buttons.

In another example of the disclosed technology, a method of folding a portable chair can include releasing a plurality of adjustable brackets of a sunshade frame, gripping a plurality of upper poles of the sunshade frame and lowering the plurality of upper poles until a sunshade reaches a collapsed position. The method can further include removing a plurality of vertical supports of the sunshade frame from a plurality of attachment brackets of the portable chair, gripping opposing ends of the sunshade frame and pushing inwardly until the sunshade frame is collapsed, and gripping opposing ends of the portable chair and pushing inwardly until the portable chair is collapsed. Releasing a plurality of adjustable brackets of the sunshade frame can include loosening a plurality of twistable locks of the plurality of adjustable brackets. Alternatively, releasing a plurality of adjustable brackets of the sunshade frame can include removing a plurality of lock pins from the plurality of adjustable brackets. As yet another example, releasing a plurality of adjustable brackets of the sunshade frame can include depressing a plurality of spring-loaded buttons of the plurality of adjustable brackets.

The present disclosure will be more fully understood from the following detailed description of embodiments thereof, taken together with the drawings.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

While the specification concludes with claims, which particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter described herein, it is believed the subject matter will be better understood from the following description in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which like numerals indicate like structural elements and features in various figures. The drawings are not necessarily to scale, emphasis instead being placed upon illustrating principles of the disclosure. The figures depict one or more implementations of the inventive devices, by way of example only, not by way of limitation.

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FIG. 1 illustrates a perspective view of a dual chair with sunshade, in accordance with an example of the disclosed technology.

FIG. 2A illustrates a front view of a dual chair with sunshade, in accordance with an example of the disclosed technology.

FIG. 2B illustrates a side view of a dual chair with sunshade, in accordance with an example of the disclosed technology.

FIG. 3 illustrates a perspective view of a dual chair, in accordance with an example of the disclosed technology.

FIG. 4 illustrates a perspective view of a sunshade, in accordance with an example of the disclosed technology.

FIG. 5 illustrates a perspective view of a dual chair support frame and a sunshade support frame in a deployed state, in accordance with an example of the disclosed technology.

FIG. 6A illustrates a perspective view of a dual chair support frame and a sunshade support frame in a folded state, in accordance with an example of the disclosed technology.

FIG. 6B illustrates an example sunshade connection point, in accordance with an example of the disclosed technology.

FIG. 7A illustrates a perspective view of a dual chair support frame in a deployed state, in accordance with an example of the disclosed technology.

FIG. 7B illustrates a perspective view of a dual chair support frame in a folded state, in accordance with an example of the disclosed technology.

FIG. 8A illustrates a perspective view of a sunshade support frame in a deployed state, in accordance with an example of the disclosed technology.

FIG. 8B illustrates a perspective view of a sunshade support frame in a folded state, in accordance with an example of the disclosed technology.

FIG. 8C illustrates a top view of a sunshade support frame in a deployed state, in accordance with an example of the disclosed technology.

FIG. 9A illustrates a detailed view of a sunshade adjustment mechanism, in accordance with an example of the disclosed technology.

FIG. 9B illustrates a section view of a sunshade adjustment mechanism taken along section line 1-1 depicted in FIG. 9A, in accordance with an example of the disclosed technology.

FIG. 9C illustrates a bracket connection of a sunshade adjustment mechanism, in accordance with an example of the disclosed technology.

FIG. 9D illustrates another bracket connection of a sunshade adjustment mechanism, in accordance with an example of the disclosed technology.

FIG. 10 is a flowchart illustrating a method of deploying a dual chair with sunshade, in accordance with an example of the disclosed technology.

FIG. 11 is a flowchart illustrating another method of deploying a dual chair with sunshade, in accordance with an example of the disclosed technology.

FIG. 12 is a flowchart illustrating a method of folding a dual chair with sunshade, in accordance with an example of the disclosed technology.

FIG. 13 is a flowchart illustrating another method of folding a dual chair with sunshade, in accordance with an example of the disclosed technology.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION

The features of the presently disclosed solution may be economically molded or assembled by using one or more



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distinct parts and associated components which, may be assembled together for removable or integral application. Unless defined otherwise, all terms of art, notations and other scientific terms or terminology used herein have the same meaning as is commonly understood by one of ordinary skill in the art to which this disclosure belongs.

In some cases, terms with commonly understood meanings are defined herein for clarity and/or for ready reference, and the inclusion of such definitions herein should not necessarily be construed to represent a substantial difference over what is generally understood in the art. All patents, applications, published applications and other publications referred to herein are incorporated by reference in their entirety. If a definition set forth in this section is contrary to or otherwise inconsistent with a definition set forth in the patents, application, published applications and other publications that are herein incorporated by reference, the definition set forth in this section prevails over the definition that is incorporated herein by reference.

As used herein, “a” or “an” means “at least one” or “one or more.” As used herein, the term “user”, “subject”, “end-user” or the like is not limited to a specific entity or person.

In this description, references to “one embodiment”, “an embodiment”, or “embodiments” mean that the feature or features being referred to are included in at least one embodiment of the technology. Separate references to “one embodiment”, “an embodiment”, or “embodiments” in this description do not necessarily refer to the same embodiment and are also not mutually exclusive unless so stated and/or except as will be readily apparent to those skilled in the art from the description. For example, a feature, structure, act, etc. described in one embodiment may also be included in other embodiments but is not necessarily included. Thus, the current technology can include a variety of combinations and/or integrations of the embodiments described herein.

As used herein, the terms “about” or “approximately” for any numerical values or ranges indicate a suitable dimensional tolerance that allows the part or collection of components to function for its intended purpose as described herein. More specifically, “about” or “approximately” may refer to the range of values  $\pm 20\%$  of the recited value, e.g. “about 90%” may refer to the range of values from 71% to 99%.

FIG. 1 illustrates a perspective view of a dual chair 100 with sunshade 200, in accordance with an example of the disclosed technology. As will be appreciated, and as will become apparent through this description, the dual chair 100 can be configured to support at least two users sitting upon the dual chair 100. The dual chair 100, however, is not so limited and can be configured to support three, four, five, or more users as would be suitable for the particular application. Accordingly, it is to be understood that the dual chair 100 can provide a convenient sitting arrangement for multiple people. The dual chair 100 and sunshade 200 can be configured to transition between a deployed state (as depicted in FIG. 1) and a folded state such that the dual chair 100 and the sunshade 200 can be moved with relative ease from one location to another. As an example, the dual chair 200 can be folded and moved to a location where furniture is not normally available such as the beach, a sporting event, campsite, or other location. Furthermore, because the dual chair 100 and sunshade 200 can be folded, the dual chair 100 and sunshade 200 can be easily stored when not in use. As will become apparent throughout this disclosure, the sunshade 200 can be configured to be removed from the dual chair 100 such that the dual chair 100 and sunshade 200 can

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be used, moved, and/or stored separately, further adding to the ease of using the dual chair 100 and sunshade 200.

As depicted in FIGS. 1, 2, and 3, the sunshade 200 can be configured to be positioned above the dual chair 100 such that a user of the dual chair 100 can be shaded by the sunshade 200. Accordingly, the sunshade 200 can provide shade for a user seated upon the dual chair 100 without the need for the user to transport and set up a separate umbrella. Furthermore, as illustrated in FIGS. 1, 2, and 3, the sunshade 200 can be a substantially planar and substantially rectangular shape configured to provide shade to a user of the dual chair 200. Unlike the common rounded umbrellas that are unable to shade a substantially rectangular shape without being oversized, the substantially rectangular shape of the sunshade 200 can provide sufficient shade without requiring an unnecessary amount of space. This can be an advantage in situations where the user intends to use the dual chair 100 and sunshade 200 near other people or in locations with limited space. Furthermore, as will be described in greater detail herein, the sunshade 200 can be configured to be adjusted between a plurality of angles and heights such that sunshade 200 can be positioned to best provide shade to a user seated upon the dual chair 100. Alternatively, or in addition, because the sunshade 200 can be adjusted between a plurality of angles and heights, the sunshade 200 can be useful to provide privacy to a user of the dual chair 100.

FIG. 3 illustrates a perspective view of a dual chair 100, in accordance with an example of the disclosed technology. The dual chair 100 can comprise a chair support frame 150 configured to support a plurality of material pieces which, together with the chair support frame 150, form the dual chair 100. The material pieces described herein can comprise material capable of being folded while also capable of supporting a user when the dual chair 100 is in a deployed state. For example, and not limitation, the material pieces can comprise a fabric material, a plastic material, a cloth material, a mesh material, a composite material, or any other material capable of being folded and also supporting a user when in a deployed state. Furthermore, the material pieces can comprise an ornamental design having patterns, shapes, colors, trademarks, etc., and be treated with a solution to help prevent degradation caused by use of the dual chair 100 and exposure to wind, rain, sun, or other conditions that could degrade the material pieces.

The material pieces can include a seat material 102, a reinforcing material 103, a breathable material 104, an arm rest 106, a cup holder 108, a center compartment 110, a cooler 112, a side pouch 114, a front pouch 116, a top shade 202, a side shade 204, and a sunshade reinforcement 206. It is to be understood that all material pieces described herein can comprise any of the materials previously described and can include an ornamental design and/or be treated with a solution to help prevent degradation as previously described.

The seat material 102 can be affixed to the chair support frame 150 and be configured to form a seat for the user to sit upon. For example, the seat material 102 can be sized and shaped to support a user and distribute the load to the chair support frame 150 at locations where the seat material 102 is affixed to the chair support frame 150. The seat material 102 can be sized and shaped to form an ergonomic shape such that the dual chair 100 can provide a comfortable seat for a user. Furthermore, as depicted in FIG. 3, the seat material 102 can comprise at least two seat materials 102 such that the two seat materials 102 can provide at least two seats for a user to rest upon.

The seat material 102 can be configured to attach to the chair support frame 150 via a reinforcing material 103. The



reinforcing material **103** can be affixed to the seat material **102** in locations where the seat material **102** is affixed to the chair support frame **150**. The reinforcing material **103** can be the same material as the seat material **102**. For example, the reinforcing material **103** can be multiple layers of the same type of material used to form the seat material **102**. Alternatively, or in addition, the reinforcing material **103** can be a different type of material affixed to the seat material **102** and configured to reinforce the seat material **102**. As will be appreciated, the reinforcing material **103** can be configured to help distribute the load created by the user sitting upon the seat material **102** to the chair support frame **150**. By adding the reinforcing material **103** to locations where the seat material **102** is affixed to the chair support frame **150**, the reinforcing material **103** can help to prevent the seat material **102** from tearing or ripping when a load is applied. The reinforcing material **103** can be affixed to the seat material **102** by stitching, adhesives, fusing, welding, molding, or by any other sufficient method of affixing the reinforcing material **103** to the seat material.

The seat material **102** can be affixed to a breathable material **104**. The breathable material **104** can be affixed to the seat material **102** in locations where it would be advantageous to dissipate heat created by a user seated upon the dual chair **100**. For example, the breathable material **104** can be affixed to the seat material **102** proximate a location where the user's back and/or backside would be located when seated upon the dual chair **100**. By facilitating heat dissipation, the breathable material **104** can help to provide a comfortable experience for a user seated upon the dual chair **100**.

The dual chair **100** can include an arm rest **106** affixed to the chair support frame **150**. The arm rest **106** can be configured to support the arm of a user when the user is seated upon the dual chair **100**. The arm rest **106** can also be configured to adjust between a plurality of heights to provide a comfortable experience for a user seated upon the dual chair **100**. The arm rest **106** can be configured to include a cup holder **108** such that a user may place a drink, food, or other objects into the cup holder **108**. As will be appreciated, the cup holder **108** can be sized and shaped to receive a cup, glass, bottle, or other container configured to contain a beverage or food such that the user is able to easily access the beverage or food.

The dual chair **100** can include a center compartment **110** positioned between at least two chairs formed by the seat material **102**. The center compartment **110** can be sized and positioned to provide an additional rest for a user's arm in addition to the arm rest **106**. The center compartment **110** can also be configured to include a center compartment **112**, a side pouch **114**, and a front pouch **116**. As will become apparent throughout this disclosure, the center compartment **110** can provide a convenient storage or holding location for objects the user would like to store.

The center compartment **112** can be a compartment configured to hold an object or multiple objects sized to fit within the center compartment **112**. For example, the center compartment **112** can be sized to receive food, toys, books, electronic devices, sunscreen, or any other object that a user would wish to store within the center compartment **112**. In another example, the center compartment **112** can be thermally insulated to thermally insulate the contents of the center compartment **112** from the ambient conditions. For example, the center compartment **112** can be a cooler configured to help keep contents within the center compartment **112** cool. As another example, the center compartment **112** can be a compartment configured to keep the contents

within the center compartment **112** warm, such as heated food. Furthermore, the center compartment **112** can comprise a flap or lid configured to help retain and/or thermally insulate the objects within the center compartment **112**. As an example, the center compartment **112** can include a zipper, a hook-and-loop fastener, a draw string, magnets, or other devices configured to help keep the center compartment **112** closed.

The center compartment **112** can include one or more side pouches **114** and one or more front pouches **116**. The side pouch **114** and the front pouch **116** can each comprise a simple pocket sewn into the side or the front of the center compartment **112**. The side pouch **114** and/or the front pouch **116** can be sized to receive various objects such as a magazine, an electronic device, a toy, a book, etc. Furthermore, the side pouch **114** and/or the front pouch **116** can comprise a waterproof pouch configured to protect the contents from liquid and sand that could damage the contents of the side pouch **114** and/or the front pouch **116**. Furthermore, the side pouch **114** and/or the front pouch **116** can include a zipper, a hook-and-loop fastener, a drawstring, magnets, or other devices configured to help keep the side pouch **114** and/or the front pouch **116** closed. As yet another example, the side pouch **114** and/or the front pouch **116** can be thermally insulated similar to the center compartment **112**.

FIG. 4 illustrates a perspective view of a sunshade **200**, in accordance with an example of the disclosed technology. The sunshade **200** can include a top shade **202** and a plurality of side shades **204** supported by, and affixed to, a sunshade support frame **250** such that the sunshade **200** can be configured to provide shade to a user of the dual chair **100**. The top shade **202** can be substantially planar and substantially rectangular to provide shade to the user. Furthermore, as previously described, the top shade **202** and the plurality of side shades **204** can be or include the same materials, ornamental design, and/or treatment solution, etc. as the material pieces previously described. Although described in the context of being a sunshade **200**, the sunshade **200** can serve the dual purpose of deflecting rain or other moisture away from a user seated below the sunshade **200**. Furthermore, as described in greater detail herein, the top shade **202** and the plurality of side shades **204** can comprise an opaque material such that the sunshade **200** can provide privacy to a user of the dual chair **100**.

The plurality of side shades **204** can be affixed to the top shade **202** and extend downwardly from the top shade **202** to further provide shade to a user seated upon the dual chair **100**. As an example, the side shade **204** can extend downwardly from the top shade **202** a few inches on all sides of the top shade **202**. As another example, the side shade **204** can extend downwardly from the top shade **202** a few inches on a front side of the top shade **202** and several inches or feet on the sides and back of the top shade **202**. Similarly, the side shade **204** can extend downwardly from the top shade **202** on a side of the top shade **202** such that the side shade **204** is shorter proximate the front of the top shade **202** and longer proximate the back of the top shade **202**. In this way, the sunshade **200** can provide shade, rain protection, and/or privacy while also allowing a user to be able see outward while seated in the dual chair **100**. The plurality of side shades **204** can also be configured to be adjustable such that a user can extend or retract the side shades **204**. For example, the side shades **204** can be configured to be rolled up and retained by straps when not in use. On the other hand, the side shades **204** can be configured to be extended downwardly when in use. Furthermore, the plurality of side



shades **204** can be configured to be secured in place (e.g., with straps, hook-and-loop fasteners, zippers, etc.) when in use such that the side shades **204** are prevented from blowing in the wind or otherwise being moved from place.

The sunshade **200** can include a sunshade reinforcement material **206** configured to retain the sunshade **200** in place on the sunshade support frame **250**. The sunshade reinforcement material **206** can comprise the same material as the top shade **202** and the side shade **204**, or the sunshade reinforcement material **206** can be a different material affixed to the top shade **202** and/or the side shade **204**. The sunshade reinforcement material **206** can be configured to create a sleeve or pocket for a portion of the sunshade support frame **250** be inserted into. Alternatively, or in addition, the sunshade reinforcement material **206** can be a strap of material configured retain the sunshade **200** in place. Furthermore, the sunshade reinforcement material **206** can be located proximate an end of the sunshade support frame **250** such that when a force is applied to the top shade **202** or the side shade **204**, the sunshade reinforcement material **206** helps to prevent the top shade **202** or side shade **204** from being ripped, torn, or otherwise damaged.

FIG. **5** illustrates a perspective view of a dual chair support frame **150** and a sunshade support frame **250** in a deployed state, in accordance with an example of the disclosed technology. The sunshade support frame **250** can be configured to attach to the dual chair support frame **150** such that the dual chair support frame **150** can support the sunshade support frame **250**. In this way, the sunshade **200** can be configured to provide shade to a user seated upon the dual chair **100** without requiring a separate support or stand for the sunshade **200**. Furthermore, the sunshade support frame **250** can be removeably attached to the chair support frame **150** such that the sunshade **200** can be removed from the dual chair **100**.

The chair support frame **150** and sunshade support frame **250** can be configured to move between a deployed state (as depicted in FIG. **5**) or a folded state (as depicted in FIG. **6A**) together such that the dual chair **100** and sunshade **200** can be folded, transported, stored, and/or deployed together without needing to remove the sunshade **200**. Alternatively, and as will be described in greater detail herein, the sunshade support frame **250** can be removed from the chair support frame **150** such that sunshade support frame **250** and the chair support frame **150** can be individually folded, transported, stored and/or deployed (see FIGS. **7A-8C**).

As depicted in FIG. **5**, the chair support frame **150** can include a plurality of support poles **152** joined by pinned connections **154**, pinned corner connections **156**, sliding connections **158**, sliding corner connections **160**, and/or telescoping support poles **162** such that the plurality of support poles **152** can be affixed to each other and move in relation to each other. As will be appreciated, because the support poles **152** are able to move in relation to each other, the chair support frame **150** can move between a folded state and a deployed state. The support poles **152** can be made of material configured to support the weight of a user while also remaining relatively lightweight such that a user can tote the dual chair **100** without excessive effort. For example, the support poles **152** can be made from various lightweight metals, wood, composite materials, fiberglass, or any other suitable material for the application.

To facilitate transition of the chair support frame **150** between a deployed state and a folded state, the support poles can be configured to move in relation to each other in various ways. For example, one or more support poles **152** can be configured to rotate about a pinned connection **154**.

As another example, one or more support poles **152** can be configured to rotate about a pinned corner connection **156**. As yet another example, the sliding connections **158** can be configured to slide along the length of a support pole **152**. In still another example, the sliding corner connections **160** can be configured such that one or more support poles can remained connected to the sliding corner connection **160** while by rotating about a pinned joint of the sliding corner connection **160** while the sliding corner connection **160** slides along a support pole **152**. In other example, the chair support frame **150** can include telescoping support poles **162** configured to include a support pole **152** with a large diameter and one or more support poles **152** with smaller diameters. In this way, the smaller telescoping support poles **152** can slide in and out of the larger telescoping support poles **152**. As will be appreciated, the chair support frame **150** can be configured to include some or all of the elements just described to facilitate transitioning between a deployed state and a folded state. Furthermore, the various elements just described can be configured such that the dual chair **100** can be configured to support a user when the user is seated upon the dual chair **100**.

The sunshade support frame **250** can be configured to attach to the chair support frame **150** at a sunshade connection point **164**. FIG. **6B** illustrates a detailed section view of an example sunshade connection point **164**, in accordance with an example of the disclosed technology. The chair support frame **150** can include the sunshade connection point **164** to receive the sunshade support frame **250** such that the chair support frame **150** can support the sunshade support frame **250**. As depicted in FIG. **6B**, the sunshade connection point **164** can be sized to receive a vertical support pole **252** of the sunshade support frame **250**. The vertical support pole **252** can include a simple spring locking pin **253** configured to insert into a corresponding hole or slot on the sunshade connection point **164** such that the vertical support pole **252** is prevented from sliding out of the sunshade connection point **164**. Furthermore, the sunshade connection point **164** can be sized to include multiple holes or slots such that the vertical support pole **252** can be inserted further into the sunshade connection point **164** by pushing in the spring locking pin **253**. In this way, the sunshade connection point **164** can facilitate adjustment of the sunshade **200** between various heights above the chair support frame **150**.

As will be appreciated, the sunshade connection point **164** depicted in FIG. **6B** is offered only as an example sunshade connection point **164** and many other example sunshade connection points **164** could be used in place of the sunshade connection point **164** shown in FIG. **6B** and described herein. For example, the sunshade connection point **164** can be used without the spring locking pin **253** and simply comprise a vertical support pole **254** sized to slide into or around the sunshade connection point **164** or even into or around a support pole **152** of the chair support frame **150**. As another example, the sunshade connection point **164** could comprise a twistable knob configured to restrict movement of the vertical support pole **252** when tightened. As other examples, the sunshade connection point **164** can be or include a threaded connection, a press fit connection, a clamp connection, or any other suitable connection capable of supporting the sunshade **200** and also releasing the sunshade **200** from the dual chair **100**.

To further facilitate adjustment of the height of the sunshade **200**, the vertical support pole **252** can be configured with multiple telescoping pole sections configured to transition between an extended state and a collapsed state.



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Alternatively, or in addition, the support pole **252** can comprise multiple spring locking pins **252** configured to be inserted into a hole or slot of the sunshade connection point **164**.

The sunshade support frame **250** can include vertical support poles **252** that can be affixed to sunshade support poles **254** via a sunshade adjustment mechanism **270**. The sunshade support poles **254** can be joined to the sunshade extension poles **256** via sliding extension pole connections **260** that are configured to slide along a length of the sunshade support poles **254** to facilitate folding of the sunshade **200**. The sunshade support poles **256** can be affixed to each other by pinned joints **258** such that the sunshade support poles **256** can extend to a deployed position (as depicted in FIG. **5**) while also folding to a folded position (as depicted in FIG. **6A**). The vertical support poles **252**, the sunshade support poles **254**, and the sunshade extension poles **256** can each be made of the same material as the support poles **152** previously described.

As depicted in FIGS. **8A-8C**, the sunshade support frame **250** can be configured to be removed from the chair support frame **150** and be transitioned between a deployed state (as depicted in FIGS. **8A** and **8C**) and a folded state (as depicted in FIG. **8B**) without the chair support frame **150**. Furthermore, to facilitate adjustment of the angle of the sunshade **200** as well as transitioning between a deployed state and a folded state, the sunshade adjustment mechanism **270** can be configured to be adjustable such that the angle between the sunshade support poles **254** and the vertical support poles **252** can be adjusted.

FIG. **9A** illustrates a detailed view of a sunshade adjustment mechanism **270**, in accordance with an example of the disclosed technology. The sunshade adjustment mechanism **270** can be or include an adjustable bracket having a vertical support pole connection **272**, a sunshade support pole connection **274**, an adjustment knob **276**, and an adjustment screw **278**. The vertical support pole connection **272** and the sunshade support pole connection **274** can each be a bracket connection configured to be affixed to the vertical support poles **252** or the sunshade support poles **254** respectively. Furthermore, the vertical support pole connection **272** and the sunshade support pole connection **274** can include raised edges or “teeth” (as depicted in FIGS. **9C** and **9D**) such that the raised edges of the vertical support pole connection **272** can interface with the raised edges of the sunshade support pole connection **274** to facilitate maintaining the sunshade **200** in place.

FIG. **9B** illustrates a section view of a sunshade adjustment mechanism **270** taken along section line **1-1** depicted in FIG. **9A**, in accordance with an example of the disclosed technology. As will be appreciated, the sunshade adjustment mechanism **270** can include an adjustment knob **276** and an adjustment screw **278** that, together, can be loosened or tightened to facilitate adjustment of the angle of the sunshade **200**. For example, a user can twist the adjustment knob **276** to loosen the sunshade adjustment mechanism **270** such that a gap can be created between the raised edges of the vertical support pole connection **272** and the sunshade support pole connection **274** and angle of the sunshade support pole **254** can be adjusted in relation to the vertical support pole **252**. Once the sunshade **200** is in a preferred position, the user can tighten the adjustment knob **276** to secure the sunshade **200** in place.

As will be appreciated, the sunshade adjustment mechanism **270** just described is offered merely for explanatory purposes and other forms of adjustment mechanisms can be used in place of the sunshade adjustment mechanism **270**

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just described. For example, the sunshade adjustment mechanism **270** can be or include locking pins configured to be inserted into a hole of the vertical support pole connection **272** and the sunshade support pole connection **274** to retain the sunshade **200** in place. Alternatively, the sunshade adjustment mechanism **270** can include one or more spring-loaded releasable push buttons or pins. As another example, the sunshade adjustment mechanism **270** can be or include a spring-loaded adjustment knob. As yet another example, the sunshade adjustment mechanism **270** can be or include a friction fit interface between the vertical support pole connection **272** and the sunshade support pole connection **274** that can be adjustable. Further still, an example sunshade mechanism **270** can include a locking collar, a magnetic alignment bracket, a strap, or any other suitable adjustment mechanism configured to adjust an angle of the sunshade **200**. As one of skill in the art will appreciate, the sunshade adjustment mechanism **270** can be or include any connecting mechanism configured to allow a user to adjust an angle of the sunshade **200**. Furthermore, the sunshade adjustment mechanism **270** can be configured for a user to adjust the sunshade **200** between a plurality of angles, including approximately 90 degrees between the vertical support pole connection **272** and the sunshade support pole connection **274**, approximately 180 degrees between the vertical support pole connection **272** and the sunshade support pole connection **274**, approximately 270 degrees between the vertical support pole connection **272** and the sunshade support pole connection **274**, approximately 360 degrees between the vertical support pole connection **272** and the sunshade support pole connection **274**, and any angle therebetween.

To further facilitate adjustment of the angle of the sunshade **200**, the sunshade connection point **164** can include an adjustable connection mechanism such that an angle of the vertical support pole **252** can be adjusted in relation to the chair support frame **150**. If the sunshade connection point **164** is an adjustable connection mechanism, the adjustable connection mechanism can be or include the same mechanism as described here in relation to the sunshade adjustment mechanism **270**. As will be appreciated, if the sunshade connection point **164** is an adjustable connection mechanism, the sunshade **200** can be configured to be folded downward such that the sunshade **200** can be beside the dual chair **100** when in a folded state. This can help to facilitate storing and toting the dual chair **100** and sunshade **200** in a more compact manner.

FIG. **10** is a flowchart illustrating a method **1000** of deploying a dual chair (e.g., dual chair **100**) with sunshade (e.g., sunshade **200**), in accordance with an example of the disclosed technology. The method **1000** can include a user gripping **1002** opposing ends of the portable chair and pulling outwardly until a plurality of chair are deployed and a sunshade frame is extended. The method **1000** can include releasing **1004** a plurality of adjustable brackets or connections of the sunshade frame, gripping **1006** a plurality of upper poles (e.g., sunshade support poles **254**) of the sunshade frame and lifting the plurality of upper poles until a sunshade reaches a desirable angle. The method **1000** can also include engaging **1008** the plurality of adjustable brackets of the sunshade frame to retain the sunshade at the desirable angle.

As will be appreciated, the method **1000** just described can be applied by a user to deploy a dual chair **100** and sunshade **200** from a folded state to a deployed state. In this example, the sunshade **200** can be attached to the dual chair



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100 while in the folded state such that the user is not required to attach the sunshade 200 to the dual chair 100.

FIG. 11 is a flowchart illustrating another method 1100 of deploying a dual chair (e.g., dual chair 100) with sunshade (e.g., sunshade 200), in accordance with an example of the disclosed technology. The method 1100 can include gripping 1102 opposing ends of the portable chair and pulling outwardly until a plurality of chairs are deployed. The method 1100 can include gripping 1104 opposing ends of a sunshade frame and pulling outwardly until the sunshade frame is extended. The method 1100 can further include aligning 1106 a plurality of vertical support poles of the sunshade frame with a plurality of attachment brackets of the plurality of chairs, inserting 1108 the plurality of vertical support poles into the plurality of attachment brackets, releasing 1110 a plurality of adjustable brackets of the sunshade frame, gripping 1112 a plurality of upper poles of the sunshade frame and lifting the plurality of upper poles until a sunshade reaches a desirable angle, and engaging 1114 the plurality of adjustable brackets of the sunshade frame to retain the sunshade at the desirable angle.

As will be appreciated, the method 1100 just described can be applied by a user to deploy a dual chair 100 and sunshade 200 from a folded state to a deployed state. In this example, the sunshade 200 can be initially detached from the dual chair 100 while in the folded state. The user can then attach the sunshade 200 to the dual chair 100 to deploy the dual chair 100 and the sunshade 200.

FIG. 12 is a flowchart illustrating a method 1200 of folding a dual chair (e.g., dual chair 100) with sunshade (e.g., sunshade 200), in accordance with an example of the disclosed technology. The method 1200 can include releasing 1202 a plurality of adjustable brackets of a sunshade frame and gripping 1204 a plurality of upper poles of the sunshade frame and lowering the plurality of upper poles until a sunshade reaches a collapsed position. Optionally, the method 1200 can include engaging 1206 the plurality of adjustable brackets of the sunshade frame to retain the sunshade in the collapsed position. The method can further include gripping 1208 opposing ends of the sunshade frame and/or opposing ends of a portable chair and pushing inwardly until the sunshade frame and the portable chair are collapsed.

As will be appreciated, the method 1200 just described can be applied by a user to fold a dual chair 100 and sunshade 200 from a deployed state to a folded state. In this example, the sunshade 200 can remain attached to the dual chair 100 such that the user is not required to detach the sunshade 200 from the dual chair 100.

FIG. 13 is a flowchart illustrating another method 1300 of folding a dual chair (e.g., dual chair 100) with sunshade (e.g., sunshade 200), in accordance with an example of the disclosed technology. The method 1300 can include releasing 1302 a plurality of adjustable brackets of a sunshade frame and gripping 1304 a plurality of upper poles of the sunshade frame and lowering the plurality of upper poles until a sunshade reaches a collapsed position. Optionally, the method 1300 can include engaging 1306 the plurality of adjustable brackets of the sunshade frame to retain the sunshade in the collapsed position. The method 1300 can further include removing 1308 a plurality of vertical supports of the sunshade frame from a plurality of attachment brackets of the portable chair, gripping 1310 opposing ends of the sunshade frame and pushing inwardly until the sunshade is collapsed, and gripping 1312 opposing ends of the portable chair and pushing inwardly until the portable chair is collapsed.

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As will be appreciated, the method 1300 just described can be applied by a user to fold a dual chair 100 and sunshade 200 from a deployed state to a folded state. In this example, the sunshade 200 can be detached from the dual chair 100 when the user folds the dual chair 100 and sunshade 200.

The methods 1000, 1100, 1200 and 1300 just described can be varied in accordance with the various elements and examples described herein. That is, methods in accordance with the disclosed technology can include all or some of the steps described above and/or can include additional steps not expressly disclosed above. Further, methods in accordance with the disclosed technology can include some, but not all, of a particular step described above. Further still, various methods described herein can be combined in full or in part. That is, methods in accordance with the disclosed technology can include at least some elements or steps of a first method (e.g., method 1000) and at least some elements or steps of a second method (e.g., method 1100).

The definitions of the words or elements of the following claims are, therefore, defined in this specification to not only include the combination of elements which are literally set forth. It is also contemplated that an equivalent substitution of two or more elements can be made for any one of the elements in the claims below or that a single element can be substituted for two or more elements in a claim. Although elements can be described above as acting in certain combinations and even initially claimed as such, it is to be expressly understood that one or more elements from a claimed combination can in some cases be excised from the combination and that the claimed combination can be directed to a subcombination or variation of a subcombination(s).

Insubstantial changes from the claimed subject matter as viewed by a person with ordinary skill in the art, now known or later devised, are expressly contemplated as being equivalently within the scope of the claims. Therefore, obvious substitutions now or later known to one with ordinary skill in the art are defined to be within the scope of the defined elements. The claims are thus to be understood to include what is specifically illustrated and described above, what is conceptually equivalent, what can be obviously substituted and also what incorporates the essential idea of the embodiments.

What has been described above includes examples of one or more embodiments. It is, of course, not possible to describe every conceivable combination or subcombination of components or methodologies for purposes of describing the aforementioned embodiments, but one of ordinary skill in the art may recognize that many further combinations and permutations of various embodiments are possible. Accordingly, the described embodiments are intended to embrace all such alterations, modifications and variations that fall within the spirit and scope of the appended claims. Furthermore, to the extent that the term “includes” is used in either the detailed description or the claims, such term is intended to be inclusive in a manner similar to the term “comprising” as “comprising” is interpreted when employed as a transitional word in a claim.

What is claimed is:

1. A dual folding chair system comprising:

- a first plurality of rigid support poles joined by pins to form a collapsible chair support frame;
- a plurality of fabric sections affixed to, and suspended by, the collapsible chair support frame to form a plurality of chairs, each chair of the plurality of chairs being configured to support a user when in a deployed state;



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- a second plurality of rigid support poles joined by pins to form a collapsible sunshade support frame, the second plurality of rigid support poles comprising a plurality of vertical support poles and a plurality of sunshade support poles;
- a continuous fabric section affixed to, and supported by, the collapsible sunshade support frame and configured to form a substantially planar and substantially rectangular sunshade positioned above the collapsible chair support frame when in a deployed state;
- a plurality of attachment brackets attached to the collapsible chair support frame and configured to receive the plurality of vertical support poles of the collapsible sunshade support frame such that the collapsible sunshade support frame is removably attached to the collapsible chair support frame;
- a plurality of adjustable brackets affixed to the plurality of vertical support poles and the plurality of sunshade support poles, wherein the plurality of adjustable brackets are configured to (1) permit adjustment of the sunshade between a plurality of angles and (2) secure the sunshade at an angle of the plurality of angles, and
- a collapsible cooler attached to the collapsible chair support frame and configured to at least partially thermally insulate an object stored within the collapsible cooler.
2. The system of claim 1, wherein the plurality of adjustable brackets are configured to adjust the sunshade between a plurality of angles such that the plurality of sunshade support poles can be rotated substantially 90 degrees in relation to the plurality of vertical support poles between a deployed state and a collapsed state.
3. The system of claim 1, wherein the plurality of adjustable brackets are configured to adjust the sunshade between a plurality of angles such that the plurality of sunshade support poles can be rotated substantially 180 degrees in relation to the plurality of vertical support poles.
4. The system of claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of adjustable brackets comprises an adjustable angle bracket with a plurality of holes configured to receive a locking pin.
5. The system of claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of adjustable brackets comprises an adjustable angle bracket with a plurality of holes configured to receive a spring-loaded releasable push button.
6. The system of claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of adjustable brackets comprises bracket connections having raised edges,
- wherein the raised edges of each bracket connection are configured to align with raised edges of a corresponding bracket connection to prevent the sunshade support poles from moving in relation to the vertical support poles.
7. The system of claim 6, wherein the bracket connections, when the raised edges of each bracket connection are aligned with the raised edges of the corresponding bracket connection, are configured to be secured in place with a threaded connection.
8. The system of claim 6, wherein the bracket connections, when the raised edges of each bracket connection are aligned with the raised edges of the corresponding bracket connection, are configured to be secured in place with a spring-loaded tension knob.
9. The system of claim 1, wherein the collapsible sunshade support frame can be collapsed with the collapsible chair support frame while attached to the collapsible chair support frame.

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10. The system of claim 1, wherein the collapsible sunshade support frame can be deployed with the collapsible chair support frame while attached to the collapsible chair support frame.
11. The system of claim 1, the collapsible cooler further comprising a top opening wherein a user can access the object within the cooler.
12. The system of claim 11, the top opening comprising at least one of a zipper, a hook and loop fastener, and a magnetic fastener.
13. A method of erecting a portable chair, the method comprising:
- gripping opposing ends of the portable chair and pulling outwardly until a plurality of chairs and a collapsible cooler are deployed, the collapsible cooler being attached to the plurality of chairs and configured to at least partially thermally insulate an object stored within the collapsible cooler;
- gripping opposing ends of a sunshade frame and pulling outwardly until the sunshade frame is extended;
- aligning a plurality of vertical support poles of the sunshade frame with a plurality of attachment brackets of the plurality of chairs;
- inserting the plurality of vertical support poles into the plurality of attachment brackets;
- releasing a plurality of adjustable brackets of the sunshade frame;
- gripping a plurality of upper poles of the sunshade frame and lifting the plurality of upper poles until a sunshade reaches a desirable angle; and
- engaging the plurality of adjustable brackets of the sunshade frame to retain the sunshade at the desirable angle.
14. The method of claim 13, wherein releasing a plurality of adjustable brackets of the sunshade frame comprises loosening a plurality of twistable locks of the plurality of adjustable brackets, and wherein engaging the plurality of adjustable brackets of the sunshade frame comprises tightening the plurality of twistable locks.
15. The method of claim 13, wherein releasing a plurality of adjustable brackets of the sunshade frame comprises removing a plurality of lock pins from the plurality of adjustable brackets, and wherein engaging the plurality of adjustable brackets of the sunshade frame comprises inserting the plurality of lock pins into the plurality of adjustable brackets.
16. The method of claim 13, wherein releasing a plurality of adjustable brackets of the sunshade frame comprises depressing a plurality of spring-loaded buttons of the plurality of adjustable brackets, and wherein engaging the plurality of adjustable brackets of the sunshade frame comprises releasing the plurality of spring-loaded buttons.
17. A method of folding a portable chair, the method comprising:
- releasing a plurality of adjustable brackets of a sunshade frame;
- gripping a plurality of upper poles of the sunshade frame and lowering the plurality of upper poles until a sunshade reaches a collapsed position;
- removing a plurality of vertical supports of the sunshade frame from a plurality of attachment brackets of the portable chair;
- gripping opposing ends of the sunshade frame and pushing inwardly until the sunshade frame is collapsed; and
- gripping opposing ends of the portable chair and pushing inwardly until the portable chair and a collapsible cooler are both collapsed, the collapsible cooler being

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attached to the portable chair and configured to at least partially thermally insulate an object stored within the collapsible cooler.

**18.** The method of claim **17**, wherein releasing a plurality of adjustable brackets of the sunshade frame comprises 5 loosening a plurality of twistable locks of the plurality of adjustable brackets.

**19.** The method of claim **17**, wherein releasing a plurality of adjustable brackets of the sunshade frame comprises removing a plurality of lock pins from the plurality of 10 adjustable brackets.

**20.** The method of claim **17**, wherein releasing a plurality of adjustable brackets of the sunshade frame comprises depressing a plurality of spring-loaded buttons of the plurality of adjustable brackets. 15

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